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Rota not represented in bicameral budget talks

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Rota is not represented in the joint conference committee that is tasked to deliberate the Fiscal Year 2017 CNMI budget. The committee convened

at 1:30pm in a closed-door meeting in hopes of reaching an agreement to finally pass the budget. The budget talks were still ongoing as of press time last night.

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Judge awards Radich couple \$101K in attorney's fees, costs

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has granted the request of U.S. Navy veteran David J. Radich and his wife, Li-Rong, for payment to their two lawyers of attorney's fees and expenses for prevailing in their lawsuit that chal-

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ERWIN ENCINARES

Lady Diann Torres Foundation president Lady Diann Torres presents a check to Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts president Alex Sablan and CARE director Jenny Hegland yesterday.

AS PART OF POST-SOUELOR REBUILDING

Lady Diann Foundation donates \$10K to CARE

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Homes damaged by Typhoon Soudelor will continue to be re-

paired by the Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts as they have just received a \$10,000 donation from the Lady Diann Torres Foundation yesterday.

CARE president Alex Sablan thanked the foundation for the constant support to CARE. The foundation earlier donated to CARE, making donation the

second. "On behalf of the board members and dozens of volunteers here on island helping to rebuild family homes, we thank the Lady Diann Foundation for her second contribution to CARE of \$10,000," he said.

The \$10,000 donation from

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IN CHAMBER'S 8-POINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ROADMAP: 'Infrastructure, tourism go together'

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Infrastructure and tourism can't be separated with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce listing it successively on the eight-point Economic Development Roadmap that they presented last Tuesday to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog.

The report said that existing sewer and water utilities, and current roads would not be enough and be able to keep up since a number of hotel establishments are scheduled to open in the future. "[It] will not be sufficient for a future with several thousand additional hotel rooms and the accompanying tour-

ism trade that will accompany that expansion."

» Second of four parts The Chamber added the island would need more independent power producers to back up the power generated by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., which they are also pushing to be privatized.

They are also suggesting

that companies that have large projects on the island could install their own power production. "Which could have the ability to sell power back to the island for additional energy, making a public/private agreement which is mutually beneficial."

The Chamber wants the government to take a "more active role in requiring large

developments to incorporate IPPs and other infrastructure improvements into their overall plans. They added that secondary roads must be paved and maintained with funds coming from tag fees and other sources.

Public transportation is also slowly becoming increasingly important and the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority would soon need more government subsidy. "Public transportation must be useable and accessible for residents and tourists alike."

The report said the natural beauty of the island remains the biggest tourism draw but new and foreign forces endanger the industry. "Sunshine, friendly people, a spectacular climate, and beautiful ocean waters are simply not enough to guarantee success and growth to the [CNMI]."

The Chamber also wants the CNMI to pursue the following: a more consistent approach in the QC program's application; policies that insure the

balance of the tourist demographic, a well-balanced tourism market, and [luring] high value tourists; support unique tourist experiences (family-oriented attractions and activities, environmentally friendly tours, and other wholesome activities); support Parks and Recreation and other related agencies in the continued operations for the cleanliness and maintenance of island public areas, encourage private businesses to educate and support a clean environment, and have intra-organizational cooperation; support deposits on plastic bottles and aluminum cans to reduce solid waste for a cleaner island; support Saipan interpretive centers for the CNMI National Monument, and historical, natural, and cultural museums; support scenic overlook points on roadways to give tourists a safe place to stop and take photographs, and enjoy the amazing views without impeding traffic; and support the possibility of cruise ships visiting our island.



EYE TO EYE

Sen. Justo S. Quitugua (Ind-Saipan), second left, talks to Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan), right, while Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota), left, and Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), partially hidden, read documents during last Friday's regular session that discussed the Fiscal Year 2017 budget.

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AS LAWSUIT OVER DENIAL OF PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION SETTLED

Judge Manglona puts businessman's lawsuit on hold

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The federal court has issued an order that temporarily suspended the lawsuit filed by Korean businessman Ho Jin Yoon against U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh C. Johnson and other U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services officials over the denial of his petition for naturalization.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona issued the order holding Yoon's lawsuit in abeyance pursuant to the parties' settlement agreement.

Manglona said the court will temporarily place the case on hold pending dismissal of the lawsuit, or an application to enforce the terms of the parties' settlement deal.

The judge gave the parties 180 days from this order to file a joint status report, notifying the court of the progress of execution of the terms of the settlement agreement if they have not stipulated to dismissal of the case by that time.

In their stipulation filed in

court on Saturday, Yoon and defendants DHS Secretary Johnson, U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, USCIS Director Leon Rodriguez, and USCIS CNMI/Guam Field Office District Director Stephen Green, notified the court that the parties have agreed to settle the case.

Yoon and the defendants, through their respective lawyers Janet H. King and Office of Immigration Litigation assistant director Glenn M. Girdharry, requested the court to hold the matter in abeyance pending execution of the terms of their settlement deal.

King and Girdharry disclosed that the agreement calls for each party to take administrative steps that will lead toward defendants re-filing Form I-90, which is the application to replace permanent resident card.

The lawyers said if USCIS favorably adjudicates Yoon's I-90 application, USCIS will issue him a new I-551 card, or the permanent resident card ("green card").

The parties' settlement agreement requires them

to stipulate to dismissal of Yoon's lawsuit within 30 days of USCIS issuing a decision on his I-90 application.

Recently, the parties requested the court to extend the defendants' deadline to answer Yoon's complaint by an additional 14 days.

The parties said they made the joint request because they have been diligently working to execute a settlement agreement.

Yoon has lost his U.S. permanent resident status.

In his petition for judicial review, Yoon asked the court to conduct a hearing on his naturalization application, grant him application for naturalization, and hold unlawful and set aside defendants' denial of his application for naturalization, and grant him U.S. citizenship.

Yoon was granted U.S. permanent resident status on Dec. 6, 1988 in Los Angeles, California. Sometime after he was granted his U.S. permanent resident status, he moved to Saipan, which at that time was not a part of the U.S. for immigration purposes.

According to King, on Sept.

10, 2002, Yoon was deferred for inspection at the Guam International Airport and was questioned about his time outside the U.S. in excess of one year.

At the Guam airport, King said, Yoon was offered the option to either appear before an immigration judge or to sign Form I-407, Record of Abandonment of Lawful Resident Status.

Plaintiff opted to sign Form I-407.

King said that, on July 10, 2014, the USCIS denied Yoon's Form N-400, Application for Naturalization.

The lawyer said the denial was based on Yoon's voluntary surrender of his permanent resident status by signing on Sept. 10, 2002 Form I-407, Record of Abandonment of Lawful Permanent Resident Status, before an immigration officer at the Guam airport.

Yoon timely appealed to the USCIS a Form N-336, request for a hearing on a decision in naturalization proceeding.

In June 2015, the USCIS affirmed its decision denying Yoon's naturalization application.

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As the owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino has failed to pay the \$1.4 million federal court judgment to two plane crash survivors since its entry last April, the survivors want to seize Tinian Dynasty's assets in two banks.

Plane crash survivors Tomoyuki Nagata and Dr. Jun Takimoto and his family, through counsel Ricard W. Pierce, filed yesterday a request for entry of writ of attachment before the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Writ of attachment refers to a court order directing a law enforcement or sheriff to "attach" or seize an asset.

Last April, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investment Ltd., owner of Tinian Dynasty, to pay \$606,723.10 to Nagata and \$769,229.61 to Dr. Takimoto and his family to satisfy their settlement agreements.

Pierce said nothing has been paid yet on the \$1,375,952.71 judgment.

Pierce disclosed that according to the bankruptcy filing of HKE, the company has two ac-

counts at the Bank of Saipan.

The lawyer said HKE also previously paid funds to the crash survivors through a Bank of Guam check.

Pierce said as the Bank of Saipan accounts and any Bank of Guam account are a debt to HKE, it is requested that the court attach the debts and order them paid over to his clients, care of their attorney, for satisfaction toward the \$1.4-million judgment.

Pierce said the funds received will be deposited in an FDIC bank and held for two weeks before disbursement to plaintiffs in order to give HKE the opportunity to file any objections.

Last March, Manglona ordered HKE to refrain from selling or transferring any of its property assets, except in the normal course of business. She issued the order following the request of Nagata and Takimoto.

Nagata and Takimoto were among the seven passengers of a Piper Cherokee aircraft that crashed on a farm in Upper Dandan en route to Tinian on Aug. 11, 2006. HKE settled the lawsuits filed by the survivors, including one filed by Nagata and Takimoto and his family.

2 plane crash survivors want to seize Dynasty's assets in 2 banks

HANMI: Increasing cap needed to support economy

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The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands said increasing the cap of the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker nonimmigrant visa program is needed to support the rapid economic growth that the Commonwealth is experiencing right now.

HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh, in a statement sent to the media last Tuesday, said the increase in the number from the cap from 12,998 to 18,000 would fill the expected need of workforce with a number of establishments being developed.

"We asked for an increase of our CW1 quota, which has been eaten up by the influx of construction workers for new development and to consider an extension of the transition period," said Cavanagh in her statement.

"We believe that the quota was set for operation staff. We are experiencing rapid growth in our economy and there is a need for increased labor force for our new developments. We are at a very dangerous stand still with our labor market."

"Growth or sustaining [the] economy. There should not be a choice. In order to offer a better economy for our people, we need both. However, we cannot have both with such an unrealistic cap," added Cavanagh in the statement.

She represented HANMI and the tourism sector being a Marianas Visitors Authority board member in last week's oversight hearing of the U.S. House of Representatives'

Committee on Natural Resources, headed by Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah, 1st District), in Washington, D.C.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres also attended the hearing along with Saipan Chamber of Commerce executive director Jill Arenovski, president Velma Palacios, and secretary Alex Sablan, who also represented the Strategic Economic Development Council.

Torres and Alex Sablan spoke in front of the committee with the latter presenting a collective position in the oversight hearing on House Resolution 5888 introduced by Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan (Ind-CNMI).

Cavanagh said they are hoping for a positive result after Bishop and other committee members seemed open to the idea of what they presented. "We all went with our respective associations bearing the costs of the tickets. HANMI did so because we know that this is very important in order to sustain our only economy."

"We find the committee to be very responsive and now wait for so much needed relief. We are hoping for good news. It was extremely important to get the players that represent the CNMI business community as a whole, not just one specific industry," she added.

"Our main point was to inform our leaders of the U.S. Congress about the labor woes we are experiencing in the CNMI. We as a group have been working together with our U.S. Congressman Killili's office on this since the news of the 2016 cap being reached on May 5 this

year," Cavanagh said.

MVA needs funds

She also said in her statement that HANMI is disappointed and opposed on the Senate version's proposal of cutting the Marianas Visitors Authority's budget by \$1.5 million and allocating it to other officers and programs.

Cavanagh said they lobbied the Legislature in 2013 to increase the hotel occupancy tax from 10 to 15 percent where MVA would use 80 percent of the funds for the operations of its off-island marketing of-

fices, overseas and CNMI promotional activities, and destination enhancement. She added that the three points are "critical for the survival of the hospitality market on Saipan."

"This was a decision by the HANMI board at the time in order to ensure that the CNMI does not again fall behind in its only economy, tourism. As the funding rolled in, the Legislature again and again saw it fit and justified to reduce this very important funding," said Cavanagh, who even quoted MVA chair Marian Aldan-Pierce "it takes money, to

make money."

She said that the MVA board and its entire staff are working diligently to prioritize funding to areas that would benefit the CNMI economy. "It is my understanding that in 2016, MVA has appropriated funding over the required percentage for destination enhancement."

"MVA assists programs from all departments of the Government for items that deal directly and indirectly with the tourism economy through its destination enhancement committee," Cavanagh said.

She added the MVA was in huge debt in operating its overseas field offices before the hotel occupancy tax was increased. "[The] MVA was in huge debt to our offshore offices and very limited to funding for the exposure of the CNMI as a travel destination. Today this is not the case."

"With this adequate funding, we saw the results almost immediately. However, to think that is solved, is quite wrong. We believe that the irresponsibility to reduce and take away from these ear-

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Calvin Klein to open on Saipan

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REPORTER

American fashion house brand Calvin Klein will open its shop at Garapan Square along Paseo de Marianas tomorrow. It will be Calvin Klein's first outlet on Saipan.

According to Gemkell general manager of Sales Joel Chabanne, the Gemkell Group was looking to expand its brand portfolio on Saipan and that led to the opening of the store in Garapan.

"Gemkell being part of the Tan Holdings, we wanted to expand our brand portfolio to Saipan in order to benefit both the local and tourist



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Calvin Klein Saipan store's facade at Garapan Square along Paseo de Marianas. The store would be open daily, from 11am to 11pm, starting tomorrow.

markets, which is similar to what we do in Guam," said Chabanne.

He said the price point at the Calvin Klein store on Saipan would be the same as those of other Asian countries.

Being the first outlet on Saipan, Calvin Klein would be featuring items that are European in style, despite being situated on a tropical island.

The store would have a total of eight sales associates with a minimum of two at any given shift.

The iconic fashion brand started as a coat shop in the York Hotel in New York City. Calvin Klein and childhood friend Barry Schwartz founded Calvin Klein Limited, which is now known as Calvin Klein

Inc., in 1968. After only a year of opening, the brand became the cover of the September issue 1968 *Vogue Magazine*, the monthly American fashion and lifestyle magazine.

From then on, Calvin Klein Limited started to expand into

sportswear, classic blazers, lingerie, perfume, and underwear, ultimately becoming the Calvin Klein Inc. that we know of today.

The Calvin Klein Saipan outlet is open from 11am to 11pm daily.

BUDGET

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Senate President Francisco M. Borja (Ind-Tinian) appointed Senate vice president Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), majority leader Steve K. Mesngon (R-Rota), and Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian)—being the Fiscal Affairs Committee chair—as Senate conferees.

Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian) is an alternate member and sat on the Senate panel as Mesngon was still off-island when they met yesterday.

House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan) named vice speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Felicidad T. Ogunoro (R-Saipan)—who replaced House Ways and Means committee chair Rep. Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan) being the vice chair—and Rep. Anthony T. Benavente (Ind-Saipan) as their counterparts. Antonio P. Sablan is on leave after the passing of his mother.

Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) said the Senate's leadership somewhat neglected this issue. He decided to attend the meeting on his own where he asked both panels if he could participate as a regular member of the Senate and as Rota representative.

"I asked former [House] speaker [Deleon Guerrero] if my participation in the meeting would be the same as a committee member. But he said that it is a Senate matter and should be addressed in the Senate. I want the people to know that this is not something to be taken lightly. A member from the Senate should be representing Rota," Manglona told *Saipan Tribune* in a telephone interview.

Manglona added that the Senate knew beforehand that Mesngon would be going off-island, but was still appointed as a conferee. He said that Cruz, the alternate, is from

Tinian not Rota. "Is he [Cruz] accountable from the people of Rota? It is astounding that he would recommend that a Tinian senator sit in his stead during his absence when there clearly are two available senators from Rota that could have been appointed.

Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) also hails from Rota.

This would be the first time that no one from Rota is a member of the bicameral committee since it has been a tradition that all three Senatorial districts are represented.

"I was surprised when I saw the memo. I emphasize that having each Senatorial district represented is important in the budget conference committee. I also wanted to raise concerns from Rota," added Manglona.

He then wrote a two-page letter to Borja where he raised his concern why no one from the Senate's Rota Delegation was a member of the conference committee. He said preparing a balanced budget has been the most important part of being a legislator.

"This involves creating a government spending plan for various government agencies. It is very important that the voices of our people living on each of our islands be heard through their representatives," Manglona wrote on his letter.

Manglona even informed the conferees that Mesngon was still off-island and he or Sen. Teresita Santos are willing to take the Senate majority leader's place to participate in the committee meeting. He then asked Borja to appoint him or Santos as a representative from Rota until Mesngon returns to Saipan.

"Once more, I am respectfully requesting that you appoint Sen. Santos or myself to the committee until Sen. Mesngon returns to the Commonwealth. We only have nine days to put a budget together, and we should welcome all participation," Manglona said.

is from the generated revenue that finances the general fund and reduces the government debts of the past. "These funds make money. The HANMI would like to plead with our lawmakers to hear our side."

HANMI

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marked funds when the market is healthy is exactly that, irresponsible," she added.

Cavanagh said that nowhere in the world do successful destinations treat their sole economy so haphazardly. "We must not take advantage of today's market foregoing the unpredictability of tomorrow's challenges."

Cavanagh said the money

JUDGE

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lenged the constitutionality of the CNMI gun's control law.

In a 17-page order issued on Tuesday, Manglona awarded the Radich couple a total of \$101,638.62 in attorney's fees and court costs instead of the requested \$103,913.83.

Manglona awarded the couple attorney's fees in the amount of \$78,375 for attorney David G. Sigale's work and \$15,120 for Daniel T. Guidotti's work, or for a total of \$93,495. The judge also awarded costs in the amount of \$8,143.62.

The Radiches' request is for \$80,325 in attorney's fees for Sigale and \$15,347.50 in fees for Guidotti, and \$8,241.33 in costs.

Manglona said defendants Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero and Department of Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson shall pay the total fees and costs awarded in this case within 30 days from this order.

Manglona said it is undisputed that the Radiches are the prevailing party in this case.

Manglona said to encourage private citizens to bring actions for injunctive relief that advance the public interest in vindicating civil rights, "the prevailing plaintiff should ordinarily recover an attorney's fee unless special circumstances would render such an award unjust."

In defendants' opposition

to the Radiches' request, assistant attorney general James M. Zarones said plaintiffs are requesting fees that could not reasonably be billed to a private client.

Zarones said plaintiffs failed to provide the court with evidence of the prevailing market rates in the NMI.

Zarones argued, among other things, that plaintiffs' attorneys are requesting fees for clerical work and work that should have been performed by paralegals.

In granting the motion, Manglona said in determining a reasonable hourly rate, the district court considers the requesting attorney's experience, skill, and reputation.

Manglona said she finds that this type of exceptional civil rights where the relevant community is national, not local.

Manglona noted that this is the first gun-rights case to be brought in this district and that the area of Second Amendment law is highly specialized.

The judge said the number of active private attorneys in the CNMI Bar cannot be much more than a 100, but most of whom have never brought a civil rights case.

She said for many local attorneys, this would have been an undesirable case to take.

Manglona said the CNMI has practically no history of private ownership of handguns or any other firearms besides hunting rifles.

"The prospect of opening up a private market for hand-

guns in the CNMI has been met with something less than widespread public support," she said.

At the hearing, Guidotti informed the court that six or seven prominent local attorneys had turned down the case before he, one of the younger members of the Bar, agreed to serve as local counsel for the Radiches.

"For these reasons, the court finds that Sigale's fee of \$500 an hour is reasonable," Manglona said.

The judge also determined that Guidotti's fee of \$175 an hour is a reasonable rate.

In reducing the fees, Manglona agreed with defendants that work on filing a pro hac vice application for Sigale should not be compensated at the attorney rate.

Manglona said it does not require legal skill to fill out this district's application, which is available in a standardized online form and asks for contact and bar admission information.

Manglona cut this award from \$900 (1.8 hours at \$500 hour) to \$450.

On preparation for a civil cover sheet, completion of ECF registration, and drafting of an entry of appearance and an exhibit list, Manglona said these tasks are either clerical or paralegal work, but not billable at attorney rates.

The judge cut Sigale's compensation to \$275 from the requested \$550.

With respect to time spent on the summons, Manglona agreed

rebuild homes," said Sablan. "There are about 17 to 20 people on island who are being rotated three weeks at a time."

Besides money that was donated by the foundation, CARE has also received a \$1-million grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for getting volunteers coming from the Mennonites or World Renew who are off-island to Saipan.

"We got a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for invitational travel amounting to \$1 million, so that would help," shared Sablan.

According to Sablan, the donations would primarily be used for rebuilding homes with the ultimate goal of sheltering victims.

"We're going into probably a dozen homes already, with these

with defendants that this could have done by local counsel at a more modest hourly rate.

Manglona awarded \$100 in compensation instead of the \$500 an hour for 0.4 hours' work.

On consultation with third parties, the judge awarded Sigale the full fee of \$1,250 for his time consulting with Gary Peterson, but will not give him travel expenses or hotel costs.

At the hearing, Sigale said Peterson provided him facts concerning on the Radiches' experience as well as introduction to the unique laws of the CNMI.

In summary, Manglona reduced Sigale's award at his full rate from the requested \$54,600 to \$53,875. She reduced the award for travel time from \$25,725 to \$24,500.

Manglona said hotel charges of \$132.71 from the meeting with Peterson will be deducted from the award of costs.

On Guidotti's fees, the judge reduced the award of fees from the requested \$15,347.50 to \$15,120.

Manglona said the award for the 2.6 hours on work for pro hac vice application will be halved to \$227.50.

Manglona has declared unconstitutional the CNMI gun's control law that prohibits all residents from obtaining handguns for self-defense purposes.

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volunteers, they're being rebuilt now, and again this money is going to go to helping additional families, a total of 50 individuals get back into their homes and into safety," said Sablan. "The donation would be used to put back tins on top of roofs, and to actually rebuild entire homes. It's been a whole [lot] of different types of projects, but mostly the rebuilding of different types of homes."

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the foundation would be used to support the necessities of members from the Mennonite and World Renew religious groups, who are currently repairing the damaged homes.

"This is going to go a long way [for] individuals that have come here off-island to help


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Muna: Funds can help CDC discover vaccine vs Zika

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Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther L. Muna believes that providing the Center for Disease Control and Prevention more funding would help them develop a vaccine against the Zika virus.

The CDC, however, could not get additional funding to further develop the vaccine with the U.S. Congress saying that Zika is a global problem. "If CDC has additional funding, they can do that [develop a vaccine]."

"The National Institutes of Health they have geniuses and doctors that could try to do this. I understand that Congress said Zika is a global problem and not only in the U.S. But it

has reached the U.S.," added Muna, in an earlier interview by the *Saipan Tribune*.

Acting governor Victor B. Hocog signed last Friday a proclamation declaring October as Fight The Bite! Awareness Month to keep the community informed of Zika, an arboviral disease passed on by mosquitoes like dengue and chikungunya.

"CDC is working on a vaccine. Working on things that could really prevent it. If there's enough funding, they could actually cure it. The point is, if you want something done, give more money."

"The bottom line now is it has become global and we don't want it to reach us. We must make sure on how we could address and protect our borders. We have funding to

support our registry to make sure we protect those who are pregnant," said Muna.

She said that CHCC staff are trained and their laboratories prepared to take care of a patient in the CNMI that is infected by the Zika virus. They also recently hired Paul White, MSc, PhD, a state epidemiologist, who oversees the surveillance and regularly communicates with CDC.

"Our lab is capable of support and surveillance. We also have some federal funding, for example the Zika pregnancy registry. Basically about surveillance and working with the obstetrics department."

Muna added that treating a patient who has Zika is almost the same like those infected with Ebola since there is no known cure. "Just

taking care of the patient and treating their medical symptoms right. You can't cure Ebola but you could try to address the symptoms."

Using a mosquito repellent that has a high DEET content according to the product label; wearing long, loose-fitting, and light colored clothing; avoiding mosquito-infested areas; and installing, inspecting, and repairing window and door screens are some of the preventive measures in fighting Zika. "It is just a matter of yourself taking the necessary precautions and making sure insure that you won't get bitten by a mosquito," said Muna.

Muna said they have been monitoring the breed of mosquitoes here in the CNMI. "It is minimal but it is something that we need to do. We're also work-

ing closely with CDC, making sure we have the data. No reported case here yet but we continue to remind people, especially those who are pregnant."

"We've been monitoring the breed of mosquitoes here, checking if it is a virus carrier. So far we have not seen the type of mosquitoes here. But we're still catching and checking. If there's stagnant water, we collect it as a sample, to see what kind of breed is in there."

She added that Zika has been around but it only became a full-blown concern after what

happened to Brazil and the high cases of microcephaly there. "Brazil has the highest rate and cases of microcephaly. It was finally confirmed that there's a connection with Zika and microcephaly."

A pregnant woman bitten by a mosquito with Zika virus would have a child whose birth defect is having a small brain.

"Before, you just get rashes so just getting some bed rest and it's gone, you're okay. It is a different case now, it has gone beyond that and the outcome is you have a congenital disease," said Muna.

CNMI well represented in centennial of Lions Club in Guam

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Members of the three Lions Club organizations based in the CNMI attended the Centennial District Governor Inauguration, Cabinet Officers Installation, and District Twinning held last Sept. 10 at Pacific Star Resort & Spa in Guam.

Saipan Filipino-American Lions Club, Saipan Marianas Lions Club, and Saipan Tinian Lions Club also attended the events as Lions Club International celebrated its 100 years of being the world's largest service club organization.

The event was well attended by officers and members from the 18 Lions Clubs in Guam, with dignitaries like Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo and First Lady Christine Calvo, Guam senators, Guam congressmen as well as Lions Club members from Malaysia and the Philippines.

The following day, the Leadership and Membership Development Training was conducted with speaker and training facilitator Dato Patrick Chew.

During the training District Governor Lynda Tolan, with the Immediate Past District Governor Daniel Yang, gave

recognition to different clubs on their achievements. The Saipan Filipino-American Lions Club and Saipan Marianas Lions Club received Centennial Service Challenge patch with four diamonds (Level 4) as they completed the four Centennial Service Challenge: Engaging our Youth, Protecting the Environment, Sharing the Vision and Relieving the Hunger. Tinian Marianas Lions Club received two gems (Level 2), while Saipan Unity Lions Club received one gem (Level 1). Saipan Marianas Lions Club also received the patch for Lions Legacy Project.

The 2017 Lions Clubs International Convention will be on Saipan on March 11, 2017.

Today, Lions Clubs International extends the mission of service every day—in local communities all around the world. Services include programs addressing problems such as pollution, health, youth, the elderly, and disaster relief. The international network has grown to include over 200 countries and geographic areas.

For those interested in joining the Lions Club, call region chair Ladyvir Canape at 989-2545 or Zone chair Mario Mayuga at 285-1021.



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CNMI Lions Club delegates to Lions Club International's centennial celebration in Guam pose for a group photo. From left, Rodney Cabarles (Saipan Tinian LC president), Jackie Mendiola, Cely Lizama, Flor Miranda, Region 2 chair Ladyvir Canape, District Governor Lynda Tolan, Annamae Adaza (Saipan Fil-American LC president), Nenita Marquez, Lourdes Ortiz, Sonia Laserna, Virgie Capacite, and Region 2 Zone chair Mario Mayuga.

Michael A. Jackson wants photos of car excluded at retrial

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Michael Anthony Jackson, a man facing a retrial on charges of kidnapping and raping a then-15-year-old girl on Saipan, wants to exclude in the trial photos of a car that he used when the alleged crime happened.

Jackson, through court-appointed counsel Charles P. Reyes Jr., asked the Superior Court to exclude the photographs of his car from presentation at trial based on the doctrine of the "fruit of the poisonous tree."

In defendant's motion to suppress photos filed yesterday in court, Reyes said the photographs of Jackson's car were taken pursuant to an illegal search based on an invalid search warrant.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho set a hearing on the motion for Oct. 5, 2016 at 9am.

Reyes said that on Oct. 9, 2010, on the same day Jackson was arrested, the Department of Public Safety seized his automobile.

Reyes said four days later, after towing and impounding the vehicle, a police detective prepared a search warrant for the car and had Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo review and sign the warrant.

Police executed the search warrant on Oct. 15, 2010.

Reyes said that in November 2012, the court granted defendant's motion to suppress, finding that the search warrant was facially invalid for failing to state the items to be seized with particularity and further finding that the facts did not support a good faith exception.

As a result, Reyes said, the court ordered that the government "may not use the items seized pursuant to the vehicle search during its case in chief."

Reyes said consequently, because of the "fruit of the poisonous tree" doctrine, it is immaterial that the court's granted suppression order is

only confined to the items seized during the illegal search and to any testimony that may relate to those items during or following the search.

Reyes said any photos obtained "but for" the illegal search also have to be excluded pursuant to the exclusionary rule—that is, unless the government can properly carry its burden to show that an exception actually applies, which it has yet to accomplish to date.

Jackson's retrial will be on Oct. 11, 2016.

On April 26, 2013, the jury found Jackson guilty of kidnapping and sexual assault in the first degree. Camacho, who decided on the misdemeanor charge, also found the defendant guilty of assault.

On May 15, 2013, Camacho slapped the then-34-year-old Jackson with a maximum jail term of 40 years and six months without possibility of parole.

Jackson then appealed. He asked the CNMI high court to reverse his convictions and remand the matter for a new trial, or in the alternative for re-sentencing.

Last Dec. 30, the CNMI Supreme Court reversed the conviction and remanded Jackson's case to Superior Court for a new trial.

The justices ruled that Camacho erred in not repeating substantive jury instructions at the close of evidence.

The justices said closing instructions allow the jury to focus on the law, the evidence, and its responsibilities in order to arrive at a proper determination.

Police said the girl was walking along Tun Joaquin Doi Road in Finasisu from an Internet café and was on her way home on Oct. 9, 2010 at about 1am when Jackson forced her into his car, brought her to an open field at the Saipan Airport, and raped her inside his car. He then forced the girl to smoke methamphetamine or "ice."

The girl later managed to run away, police said.

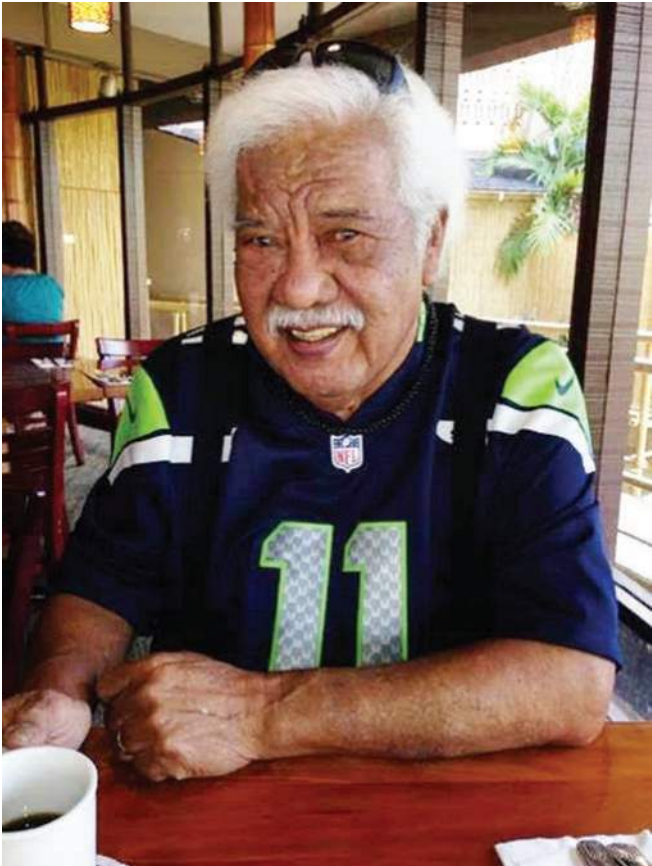
Marianas Ukulele Festival set for Oct. 22

The 2nd Annual Marianas Ukulele Festival promises to be an even bigger and better event this year as an official



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Blues Lee from Korea will be one of the performers during the 2nd Annual Marianas Ukulele Festival.



The 2nd Annual Marianas Ukulele Festival is dedicated to the memory of David K. Peter.



The 2nd Annual Marianas Ukulele Festival is also dedicated to the memory of Ana Maria P. Limes.

Marianas Visitors Authority Annual Signature Event.

It is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Tipiyeew Cultural Village, Carolinian Utt in Garapan from 2pm to 9pm. Several highly established ukulele performers from Asia, including JazzoomCafe from Japan and Blues Lee from Korea, will be featured. This year's festival is dedicated to the memory of David K. Peter and Ana Maria P. Limes, two of the Marianas' legendary performers that recently passed away.

All ukulele players/groups interested in performing at the festival should please contact Larry Lee at marianasukefest@gmail.com or telephone 285-7127, by Oct. 8, 2016. Anyone interested in supporting the festival through cash or in-kind contributions should please contact the same. The Marianas Ukulele Festival is a fun, family event featuring continuous live entertainment, local food and arts and crafts booths, ukulele demonstrations, raffle drawings, and surprises. It

is free and open to the public. Our local and off-island professional performers will also be giving special presentations at local schools, the public library, radio stations, and other venues. The Marianas Ukulele Festival Association is a registered, non-profit organization whose mission is: to promote and perpetuate ukulele music and heritage by bringing people of all ages together to share the love of ukulele music; and, to create an avenue for people of all cultures to share the is-

land warmth and Hafa Adai Tirow Spirit through the enjoyment of music and culture. We are confident that the annual Marianas Ukulele Festival will establish the Northern Marianas as a regionally renowned cultural and entertainment destination. Special thanks to the Marianas Visitors Authority, Delta Air Lines, KKMP, and Pacific Development, Inc. for their generous support. For more information, please visit www.marianasukulele-festival.org. (PR)



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WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation yesterday naming the Chalan Kanoa Post Office in honor of Segundo T. Sablan, the first U.S. postmaster for Saipan, and for CNMI Fallen Military Heroes. Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) spoke on the floor in support of the bill, H.R. 5889, which he introduced in July.

"The bill recognizes Mr. Sablan, the first Chamorro and native of Saipan to be appointed a U.S. Postmaster," the congressman said.

"The bill also honors the servicemen and women from

US House passes Saipan post office bill

the Northern Mariana Islands, who lost their lives while serving our great country."

In his remarks on the floor of the House of Representatives, the congressman offered thanks to the postmaster's family, who provided much of the information about the life of Tun Segundo, as he was fondly known, and who supported the idea of naming the CK Post Office after him.

And congressman Sablan recognized the contribution of Veterans of Foreign Wars

Saipan Post 3457 Commander Michael Kelley, and Senior Vice Commander Matias Chargualaf and Departmental Quartermaster Peter Callaghan. Their endorsement was Sablan critical to getting the bill reported favorably by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and on to the floor of the House for a vote.



A dedicated postmaster

Segundo Tudela Sablan was born on May 27, 1919 on Saipan. Shortly after the United States' victory over the Japanese in the Battle for Saipan during World War II, Tun Segundo was among a small group of Chamorros and Carolinians, selected by the U.S. military to serve as Marine Scouts for the 6th Provisional Police Military

Battalion. His knowledge of the terrain and fluency in the Japanese language made him ideally suited for the task of searching the island's caves and jungles for Japanese holdouts responsible for sniper and grenade attacks on American soldiers.

In 1951, Tun Segundo was appointed the first U.S. postmaster for Saipan by the U.S. Navy, which at the time had administrative responsibility for the Northern Marianas under the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement. A dedicated postmaster, he twice used his own home for postal operations after typhoons destroyed the post office building, and often neglected his farm and livestock to ensure families

received their mail. A back injury sustained during the war eventually made it impossible for him to carry out the physical tasks required for the job. He resigned as postmaster in 1961.

Fallen Heroes

The post office name also serves as a tribute to sons and daughters of the Northern Marianas who have lost their lives in military service. Twenty young men and women have died during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I hope that knowing their service and sacrifice will never be forgotten brings a measure of comfort to their families and friends," congressman Sablan said.

The bill now moves to the Senate for a vote in that body. (PR)

» Segundo T. Sablan, Fallen Heroes honored

CSC applauds House passage of salary schedule bill

Civil Service Commission board chair Herman Deleon Guerrero thanked the House of Representatives for its passage last week of House Bill 19-03, or the salary schedule bill.

"It's a positive step forward. The House of Representatives' approval last week of House Bill 19-03, the bill initiated by the commission to establish a new salary schedule for the CNMI government's civil service employees, is a giant next step in the approval process. With the House's approval, it moves on to the Senate for their review and action, and then on to the governor. The commission and all civil service employees applaud the action of the House and thank its members for their foresight and support."

"We anticipate and hope that the Senate and the gover-

nor will see the value of this bill and enact it into law," Deleon Guerrero continued. "In a recent letter to the Senate, the commission asked the Senate for their assistance in passing the bill."

An excerpt from this letter reads: "The Civil Service Commission is asking for the Senate's support of House Bill 19-03. The House of Representatives recently approved this bill and it has been passed on for your consideration and action. The Civil Service Commission is asking that you act favorably regarding this Bill and pass it on to the Governor, as is, with your approval."

"The commission initially submitted this bill as a draft to the legislature in an effort to update the current salary

schedule for Commonwealth government Civil Service employees. The commission feels that approval of this bill is vital to the present and future welfare of both the government and its employees. The commission has expressed its position on more than one occasion that approval of this Bill is necessary."

"The current salary schedule must be viewed as an embarrassment to the government. This schedule was established by Public Law 7-31 in 1991 and is outdated, with a significant portion of the schedule falling almost entirely below the current federal minimum wage for the CNMI. More steps will become unusable with each increase to the minimum wage. For reasons

related to both employee welfare and the technical viability of the current statutory pay schedule, approval of this bill is a necessary step to correct this situation."

The chairman emphasized to the Senate that House Bill 19-03 will update the compensation plan for the Commonwealth's civil service employees. The bill will establish a new compensation plan that complies with the current and future federal CNMI minimum wage requirements and will be more economically realistic.

"The commission strongly supports the passage of House Bill 19-03," Deleon Guerrero stated in closing. "On behalf of the Civil Service employees of the Commonwealth, it will deeply appreciate the Senate's favorable consideration and approval of this bill." (PR)

» Appeals for Senate to also pass HB 19-03

Coast Guard and Navy to conduct training at W-517

ASAN, Guam—The Coast Guard and Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) on Sept. 22 and 23 from noon to 6pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the date and times indicated.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12°

40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. (PR)

SAN JOSE, Tinian—The CNMI Public School System for years now has been working on energy conservation efforts to cut utility costs. They believe that not only will it reduce energy consumption

TES conservation efforts to cut utility costs

resulting in savings but also assist in environmental issues.

Some conservation efforts PSS, which includes Tinian

Elementary School, is committed to doing for some time now has been to turn off all air-conditioners at certain

times during the school week, every after work and during the weekends.

The high cost of utilities is

a very big concern and is felt by everyone on the island. The lack of air-conditioning in the classrooms is not a conducive

learning and working environment, but PSS like any private or government entity is doing what they need to do in order to stay operational.

It gets really uncomfortable especially with the extreme high temperatures we have all been experiencing lately. In light of this economic hardship and concern for the welfare of the students, Bridge Investment Group, LLC donated 10 electric fans to Tinian Elementary School to try and make the students and teachers as comfortable so the learning process can continue to be enjoyable for each and every student as well as the teachers.

"The electric fans that Bridge Investment Group donated will be very instrumental in keeping our students cool during the hours that the air-condition units are not being utilized. We would like to thank the CEO, Mr. Philip Mendiola-Long, for his company's continued support toward Tinian Elementary School," said second grade teacher Joedeen Manglona.

Mendiola-Long, on behalf of BIG, pledges to do his utmost in continuing to make a positive impact in Tinian's small island community. (PR)



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Tinian Elementary School principal Connie Manglona, second grade students, teachers Joedeen Manglona and Joann Cepeda pose for a picture with Bridge Investment Group CEO Philip Mendiola-Long and staff.

TO PROTECT ENDANGERED TURTLES:

Military cancels beach landing on Tinian

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam—The U.S. Navy environmental coordinators cancelled a beach landing Sept. 13, 2016, scheduled for Navy and Marine Corps units participating in Exercise Valiant Shield 16 on the island of Tinian.

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The landings were planned for Chulu Beach on the northwest side of Tinian, less than one kilometer (0.62

miles) from North Field, but were called off due to the discovery of an endangered turtle species nesting.

"It is an endangered sea turtle," said Bill Kavanagh, the regional and environmental coordinator for Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Marianas. "So we saw the hatching window would coincide with the window of the exercise and alerted military planners with alternative COAs [courses of action] a month ago."

VS16 is a biennial, U.S.-only, field training exercise with a focus on integration of joint training. This training en-

ables real-world proficiency in sustaining joint forces through detecting, locating, tracking and engaging units at sea, in the air, on land, and in cyberspace in response to a range of mission areas.

The 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit had planned several small craft landings over several days as part of an amphibious assault and island seizure operation. The landing was only one part of an exercise involving 18,000 service members, a carrier strike group, expeditionary strike group, land-based air forces and a Marine Air-Ground Task Force.

"We need the ability to train to conduct beach landings," said Lt. Col. Brian Greene, commanding officer of Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines. "However, the strength of our MAGTF is the ability to project forces from the ship to an objective through the use of helicopters as well as surface craft. The MAGTF allows for a range of operations and we welcome the opportunity to exercise that flexibility."

According to the biological opinion of the Marianas Island Training and Testing Environmental Impact Statement, the military has restrictions on what

they can and cannot do during beach landing exercises if they encounter turtle nests.

The beaches undergo monthly inspections by contractors and NAVFAC natural resources specialists to look for Green or Hawksbill sea turtle nesting indicators and must also be inspected six hours prior to a military landing. If a turtle nest is spotted, the entire beach may be shut down to military training or the nests could be marked for bypass and standoff.

Kavanagh's team from NAVFAC works with Joint Region Marianas' Mariana Islands Range Complex Opera-

tions section. JRM's mission is to provide executive-level installation management support to all Department of Defense components and tenants on Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands in support of training in the Marianas.

"I think [the decision to close the beach] demonstrates our commitment to building relationships in the area and we understand we have to work closely to protect the environment while being able to continue to provide realistic training," said U.S. Air Force Col. Walter Hattermer, the director of operations for JRM. **(PR)**

Manta Ray Battalion conducts community service

The Manta Ray Battalion conducted a community service in Koblerville last Sept. 17 as they picked up trash. The purpose of the cleanup was to beautify the area.

In all, there were 95 cadets, including the Manta Ray Battalion commander, command sergeant major, and executive officer, along with their Army instructor, Ret. SGM Joaquin Kiyoshi.

The battalion was divided into two groups, one starting from Tottotville and the other starting at PakPak Beach. Group 1 was led by C/LTC Matthew Kapileo, and the other by C/Major Ezekiel Rafanan and C/CSM June Alipio. The two groups swept through Koblerville, meet-



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A total of 95 cadets from the Manta Ray Battalion along with their instructor Ret. SGM Joaquin Kiyoshi, left, pose after their recent cleanup. Front and center are battalion commander C/LTC Matthew Kapileo, left, and command sergeant major C/CSM June Alipio, right.

ing in the middle in front of P&A Laundry. Every year, the Manta Ray Battalion conducts

community service. After the community service, the cadets did a school service. **(PR)**



Group 1 marching to Tottotville, led by C/LTC Matthew Kapileo.



C/CSM June Alipio guiding the other cadets.



C/CPT Collins Flores and C/1SG Kody Babauta team up to pick up trash.

Several cadets decided to help out and clean the school too.



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Should Obama pardon NSA leaker Snowden? Nyet

Over the weekend, the new Oliver Stone movie on National Security Agency leaker-extraordinaire Edward Snowden clunked into theaters and drew tepid crowds.

At the same time, the American Civil Liberties Union, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have launched what they bill as a major effort to persuade President Barack Obama to pardon Snowden.

The Snowdenites hope that the fawning movie will spare their hero from espionage charges.

To gin up some urgency, the pardonsnowden.org website countdown clock is ticking off the days, minutes and seconds until Obama leaves office. The Snowden apologists evidently realize that President Hillary Clinton or President Donald Trump wouldn't risk the political backlash if they were to go easy on Snowden.

Our capsule review of this effort: Two thumbs down.

Snowden has suggested that he would like to return to the United States if his lawyers could negotiate a plea deal. Presumably Snowden has grown weary of Russian President Vladimir Putin's hospitality and, we're guessing, the intense scrutiny under which he undoubtedly finds himself.

Snowden says he would consider serving a prison term as part of a plea bargain arranged before he leaves his Russian sanctuary, The New York Times reports. How magnanimous.

As we said in 2014 when Snowden supporters first dangled the issue of amnesty: Come home, Ed. We'll welcome you with open arms and a pair of handcuffs. We can show you all the damage you caused. And maybe we'll let a judge and jury decide your fate.

Then-U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder took the right approach in 2014: He rejected amnesty for Snowden but did not rule out the possibility of plea negotiations, if Snowden returns. "If Mr. Snowden wanted to come back to the United States and enter a plea, we would engage with his lawyers," Holder said.

Two years later, we would support the same deal: No amnesty, no pardon. Snowden should return to the U.S. and face whatever charges the Department of Justice levies. If his lawyers think they can limit those charges in return for his surrender, they're welcome to try. It's a free country. (The U.S., that is.)

Snowden's actions caused immense damage to America's national security interests. A day before the movie's release, a House Intelligence Committee report debunked the myth of Snowden The Noble Whistleblower who did more good than harm. "Snowden's actions did severe damage to U.S. national security, compromising the Intelligence Community's anti-terror efforts and endangering the security of the American people as well as active-duty U.S. troops," the committee said.

American intelligence officials still don't know the full extent of the harm, the report says. Some of the damage

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A fight club that's perfectly OK to talk about

Who says feminists are humorless whiners? A bunch of people, actually, if my inbox is any guide.

There's no time for that nonsense, though, when you're fighting the good fight.

"Feminist Fight Club: An Office Survival Manual (For a Sexist Workplace)" is a hilarious new guide to pushing back against stereotypes and micro-aggressions at the office. Written by New York Times columnist Jessica Bennett, it offers hacks and facts for steeling yourself for battle as you forge ahead in search of a paycheck.

"It's watching a man instinctively turn to a woman to take notes in a meeting, or being mistaken for the admin when you're actually the one in charge," she writes. "It's being talked over in a group setting over and over again, or having your idea attributed to someone else. ... It's having to be nice (because women are nice!) but not too nice (don't wanna be a pushover); maternal (a natural caretaker!), but not actually a mother (lest you be viewed as 'uncommitted' to the job). It's having to be confident so that you can command respect but not too confident (because we don't like cocky women). It's having to work twice as hard to prove you're once as good, or three, four, five times as hard if you happen to be female and of color."

Bennett is in a real-life Feminist Fight Club in New York, and the book is her gift to those of us who can't make the meetings. She takes the best of what she and her fellow professionals have gleaned over the years and presents it to us for adoption.

All action, no whining. Plenty of humor.

If there's a workplace in your life, I highly recommend giving the entire thing a read. (That goes for men and women.) To whet your appetite, here are five tips and tricks I picked up.

Stop maninterrupting. Research shows men speak more than women in professional meetings, Bennett writes, and women are twice as likely as men to be interrupted when they speak. If you witness this — especially if you are a man — speak up.

"You can be a Maninterrupter Interrupter, interjecting man-interruptions on behalf of your female colleagues," Bennett writes. "It's as easy as, 'Hey, can you let her finish?'"

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If you're the one being interrupted, Bennett has a couple of tips: "Just keep talking. Keep your pauses short. Maintain your momentum. No matter if he waves his hands, raises his voice or squirms in his chair, you do you." Or, push back. "Bob, I wasn't done finishing that point. Give me one more sec."

Call out "crazy." Refuse to tar female colleagues with that catchall label we attach to women perceived as emotional, ambitious, tireless and so on. And don't play along when others do it.

"Next time a colleague insinuates that a woman is 'crazy,' play dumb," Bennett writes. "Say, 'I'm not sure I understand. Can you explain?' and put the burden on them to stumble through the explanation."

If someone accuses you of acting crazy (or hormonal or emotional)? "Try explaining the reason for that emotion," Bennett writes. "Literally: 'I'm emotional because you (messed) up this project.' It makes the emotion about the work, not you."

Say no. "For a long time, I said yes to everything: assignments I didn't want, coffees with people I had no intention of working with, asks to 'pick my brain' or 'grab my quick feedback' even though my ideas and feedback are actually how I make a living," Bennett writes.

No more. Don't be afraid to ask, "What's in it for me?" she suggests, and don't give your work away for free. "Does the person asking you want feedback? Make them send you a proposal. Advice? Have them lay out exactly what they want evaluated. A recommendation? Ask for a bulleted list you can draw from." One startup founder told Bennett she considers

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What binds a nation of immigrants together?

My father would sometimes tell the story of the day he became a citizen of the United States of America.

He had one suit, a blue one, and on the day he became a citizen, he wore that suit to federal court in downtown Chicago. All men wore suits to court in the early '60s, not just lawyers or politicians.

But he wasn't an attorney or a politician.

He was an immigrant waiter at the Hilton Hotel, with a wife and three young boys, trying to start a grocery business with his brother.

POEM

Poet's note: The following poem and commentary refers in part to F.R. Agulto's letter to the Saipan Tribune on Sept. 15, 2016, titled "A prayer for the MV Luta."

A MORALIST MOCKS WITH PRAYERS

By Joey "Pepe Batbon" Connolly

I've been reading the writing of nabobs of negativity self righteous drivel in the local papers day after day repeating gripes and lecturing readers with 'their' reality dripping with venom for CNMI powers that be today I have read the BLASPHEMY and arrived at this conclusion as negations of and accusations of our leaders continues that the 'nay' sayers live in a world of egotistic delusion backing their insults up with prayers from church pews separation of powers and separation of church and state make the United States of America and the CNMI great basic freedoms, freedom of speech, freedom of press exist constitutionally without the necessity to moralize and quote holy prayers verbatim to justify and bless their ranting and raving insults and current lawsuits about their objections to others legitimacy and pursuits let lawyers make presentations, judges listen, courts decide without making fun of someone's family and last name mocking it by using holy prayers shows rottenness inside

Q. Am I (author) a case of the pot calling the kettle black? A. Yes.

I have mocked and poked fun at Donald Trump, using his name, in many sonnets published in this newspaper. I have used children's nursery rhymes (Trumpty Dumpty, Trumpty Went a Courtin) and various literary allusions and alliteration. I will continue to do so. I have not, however, encased my satire and mimicry in two of the holiest prayers of the Roman Catholic faith, the predominant faith of most citizens in the CNMI. This was a blasphemous joke from the moralist writer's perspective. He has every right as pointed out in the poem above. How would he like to have that done with someone mocking his families name and place it inside a religious prayer for that matter? He infers by this that he is in a position of moral superiority and sits in judgement somehow on the right hand side of God. What a nice position. I wonder how he got there? Basta adai chatfino'. Enough of the blasphemy.

Another nabob of negativity, who calls the Governor and Lt. Governor, "two eggheads" and 3,000 government employees including the "...superior and supreme courts and municipal governments and their staff" "gagament employees", castigated me just about a month ago, (08/19/2016) in the Saipan Tribune. He wrote, "In a vicious contest of survival of the fittest, would you help your competitor knowing it would crush your existence before you blink for the second time". My initial reaction was, are Saipan, Tinian, and Rota engaged "in a vicious contest of survival"? Is this extreme hyperbole or what? My adopted son, taotao Tinian, US Army veteran, two trips to and injured in Iraq, asked me rhetorically, "Aren't we a Commonwealth?" The negative nabobs advice calling Lt. Governor Hocog and Senate President Borja's decision to vote for a casino on Tinian, "political braggadocio and expediency hardly the beneficiary of sober or deliberative discussion. Steer clear of that mindset". I'll try to steer clear of any further comments about this negative nabob's mindset.

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And in court, the judge in his black robe asked my father this question:

If you become a citizen of the United States, would you bear arms against your former nation?

As a reporter, I've witnessed other citizenship ceremonies, the families proud and happy, immigrants with their flags, and I haven't heard that question asked of others.

So that question could have been an isolated one, merely the whim of that particular judge. But my father didn't lie, and the pain on his face the first time he told me the story was his testimony.

His English wasn't the best then, but he clearly understood the question.

Would he fight against the country he'd bled for to protect? Would he kill those of his fatherland, if America asked it of him?

He'd spent 10 years in war, carrying a rifle in the Greek army in World War II, fighting Mussolini, then the Germans and through the occupation. And after the Germans left, there was a hate-filled and bloody civil war with the communists. Terrible sins were committed on all sides, not just army versus army, but family against family.

So that question from the judge wasn't some dry academic exercise. And his answer was wet with blood and pain and quite fresh in his mind.

Friends dead in the snows of Albania and the hunger up there, and later came the German tanks and the German boots and the executions in villages. After that there was blood everywhere, in that horrible ferocity that consumes a nation during civil war.

Of course, he didn't tell it to us that way. He didn't tell the judge about it. All he'd say was, "I was thinking of everything that happened."

We had to piece things together ourselves over time, from scraps of stories we'd learned, because he didn't like to talk about the war.

"And the judge asked me this, and I looked at him and I said 'Yes your honor.' I will fight.

"Because I wanted to be an American," he said. "Because I wanted you to be an American, so no other country could come in here and step on your belly."

There was a brief catch in his voice once, when he first told me. We were alone in the car, driving home from our store. But I was a little kid and didn't understand why he smoked and looked out the window and said nothing after that.

It wasn't one of the favorites in the anthology of family stories to tell and tell again around the Sunday dinner table. There were others we thought were much more dramatic and

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may not be known for years. The government has, however, spent hundreds of millions of dollars — and eventually will spend billions — to clean up the mess and "mitigate the damage" Snowden caused.

The 22 House committee members sent a unanimous, bipartisan letter to Obama urging him not to pardon Snowden. Bulletin: Democrats and Republicans agreed.

"Edward Snowden is no hero — he's a traitor who willfully betrayed his colleagues and his country," Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., the committee chairman, said in a statement.

Snowden's argument that he acted to defend Americans' privacy were "self-serving and false," said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., ranking member of the committee. "While those

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anything more than 10 minutes to be "consulting" — i.e., a paid gig.

(Personal side note: I don't think this advice applies to mentoring people within your workplace or cultivating a friendly, collegial environment with your co-workers. If a female colleague wants to grab coffee and talk about all the man interrupting, go for it. And leave the stopwatch at your desk.)

Ignore appearance shamers. Women are judged at work for looking too young, too old, too thin, too heavy, too pretty, not pretty enough. Enough.

"Justin Trudeau is 'pretty,' does anyone think that makes him a worse politician? Some might say Mark Zuckerberg is not — and he's worth \$35 billion," Bennett writes. "Do you think either of these men has to answer questions about

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entertaining.

Like the time the horse fell into the well. Or the time the family mule, Truman — a big headed white Missouri mule named after an American president — collapsed on the street of our village.

Truman lay there hours as if dead until my grandmother said the prayers to remove the evil eye. Then Truman, mean faced and a biter, bolted to his feet and trotted to his shed.

And the story of the bandit great-great uncle, Sofianos, who loved a girl of our village and was killed by the federal police. That was one of our favorites.

The one of the citizenship was a difficult one, and as children we didn't know why.

Still, my brothers and I would try to imagine that other place in our father's mind, that place where an invading army could plant their boots on our bellies. Yet we couldn't imagine it. We had no frame of reference. We were born Americans.

And becoming American became a religion for us then. The Pledge of Allegiance that we said in school wasn't just words. "The Star-Spangled Banner" wasn't just an old song we had to sing.

These were the secular rites of melting pot America, binding us together, all of us, the native born, the immigrant, and the children of new citizens, with one foot in the new country, one foot in the old.

We know patriotism is often used by cynical masters of war to goad the people into battle.

And that wealthy and spoiled NFL players refusing to stand during the anthem — on the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks — is another kind of goad, a political one.

But doesn't a nation of immigrants from every land need something to bind it, to reinforce our obligations to our country and to each other as citizens?

So what is that common thread? I held it once, but I don't see it now.

Instead we break in pieces; economically, politically, ethnically. We're angry, we bicker and we go our separate ways.

disclosures did spark a useful public debate, the collateral damage has been extraordinary."

Three years ago, a self-satisfied Snowden declared victory. "For me, in terms of personal satisfaction, the mission's already accomplished," he told The Washington Post. "I already won."

That victory may not be so sweet any more. Not when the reward is a permanent address under Putin's thumb.

Snowden stole and released thousands of pages of documents that endangered — likely still endanger — U.S. lives. He exposed secrets whose impact he could not possibly comprehend. That's what he calls winning.

To us, that doesn't sound like a whistleblower who should be celebrated. That sounds like someone who should be in a U.S. prison. Come home, Ed. Make your case.

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his competence because of the way he looks? ... If somebody thinks you don't look like a (fill in the blank), ignore them and just keep talking. Eventually they'll have to hear the words coming out of your mouth rather than judging you by your appearance."

Quit apologizing. Research shows people who apologize frequently are perceived as weaker, less confident and more blameworthy, Bennett writes.






Think twice before you say, "Sorry," especially if you have nothing to apologize for. "I'm sorry, I'm not sure what you mean." "Oh, I'm sorry. I'm looking for so-and-so." "I'm sorry, I think you might be in my seat." All work just as well without the "I'm sorry."

Then there's "I'm sorry for all the back and forth" (nothing wrong with back and forth), and "I'm sorry for the delay" (you're allowed to be busy). You're a fierce feminist, fighting your way to a paycheck and workplace glory.

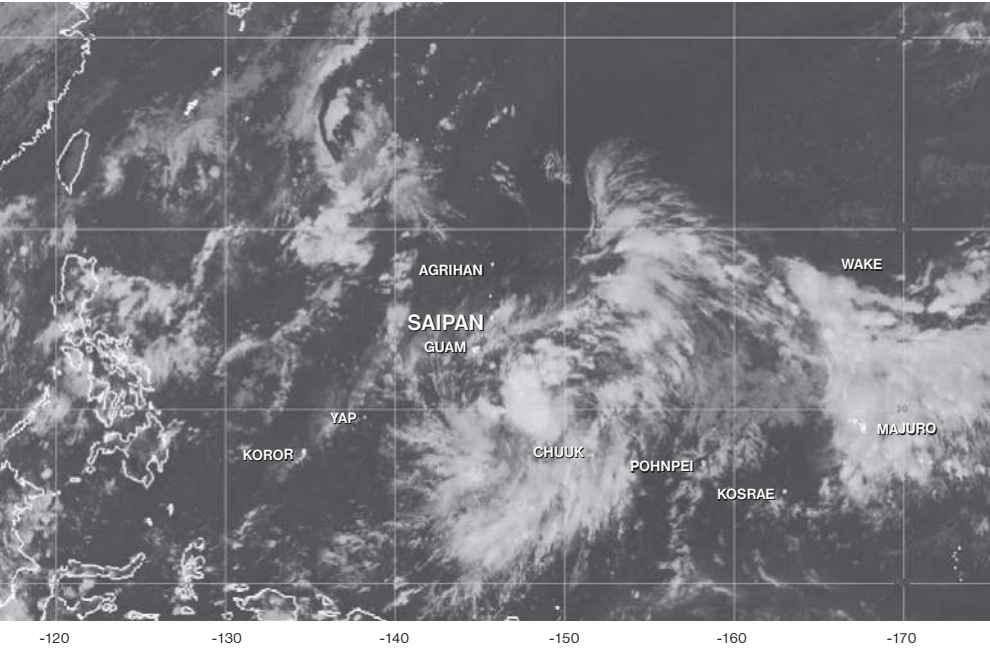
No shame in that game.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy and breezy. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 15 to 25 mph.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲ 89° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 89° ▼ 79°	▲ 89° ▼ 79°	▲ 89° ▼ 79°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 3:31 PM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Conditions are fairly quiet this afternoon. Mostly cloudy skies and isolated showers are seen across the islands, with a few thunderstorms near Saipan. A developing disturbance is seen on satellite to the southeast of Guam near 10N151E. This system will bring increasing winds and scattered showers to the Marianas late tonight through Saturday. Depending on development and movement, winds and showers could be greater than currently expected. As the disturbance moves off to the northwest, drier conditions are expected to filter in to the islands Sunday.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA ▼ ▲		
Guam and Rota	Afternoon clouds	80 / 88 °F
Palau	Afternoon clouds	80 / 87 °F
Yap	Partly sunny	79 / 89 °F
Chuuk	Partly cloudy	79 / 89 °F
Pohnpei	Partly cloudy	76 / 87 °F
Kosrae	Partly cloudy	82 / 87 °F
Majuro	Partly sunny	82 / 86 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE ▼ ▲		
Auckland	Partly cloudy	55 / 63 °F
Beijing	Afternoon clouds	55 / 81 °F
Hong Kong	Partly cloudy	79 / 87 °F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	73 / 83 °F
London	Partly cloudy	57 / 70 °F
Los Angeles	Haze	60 / 76 °F
Manila	Partly sunny	79 / 92 °F
Melbourne	Partly cloudy	51 / 55 °F
Miami	Partly cloudy	78 / 87 °F
New York	Sunny	66 / 83 °F
Osaka	Mostly cloudy	71 / 81 °F
Paris	Morning clouds	50 / 73 °F
Pusan	Cloudy	64 / 74 °F
Rome	Partly cloudy	59 / 76 °F
Salem	Partly cloudy	48 / 67 °F
San Francisco	Morning clouds	55 / 67 °F
Seoul	Mostly sunny	54 / 79 °F
Tokyo	Heavy rain	65 / 71 °F
Washington, DC	Mostly sunny	66 / 84 °F



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PAPA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		
5:50 AM	LOW TIDE	0.1 Feet
12:31 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.77 Feet
6:14 PM	LOW TIDE	0.97 Feet
11:26 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.82 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:06 AM	6:13 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:12 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:12 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:11 PM
Monday	6:06 AM	6:10 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	10:03 PM	11:13 AM
Friday	11:59 PM	12:12 AM
Saturday	11:59 PM	1:08 AM
Sunday	12:54 AM	2:01 PM
Monday	1:540 AM	2:51 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4	UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
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UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR	UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM				
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM				
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM	UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM				

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju Air; HX: Hong Kong Airlines; LJ: Jin Air; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN			6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN		
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SAIPAN TO ROTA		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
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ROTA TO SAIPAN		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

APTC celebrates success of students in Tonga

Graduations always mark special achievement in the life of a student, and the recent Australia-Pacific Technical College (APTC) graduation ceremony in Tonga was no different.

A total of 40 APTC students were awarded qualifications in 11 programs at the Queen Salote Memorial Hall in Nuku'alofa today.

APTC is an innovative development project funded by the Australian Government, delivering Australian skills and qualifications for a wide range of vocational careers for skilled workers across the Pacific.

Since its establishment in 2007, APTC has graduated over 9,500 students from Pacific Island countries, including over 415 Tongan nationals.

Speaking at the graduation, Ministry of Education and Training chief executive officer Claude Tupou congratulated the graduates on their



Australia-Pacific Technical College graduates pose after their recent commencement ceremony in Tonga.

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achievement towards attaining Australian-standard qualifications.

"Graduands, this occasion is your moment to reflect on your well-deserved achievement and also an opportunity

to chart your way forward as you return to professional careers. I am confident that you all are eager to apply your skills and knowledge at your various workplaces," he said.

"We are indeed grateful to

the Australian Government for providing skills training and capacity building for our people through the APTC. This support is helping Pacific Island Countries like Tonga to develop their workforce and improve employment opportunities for their citizens, both nationally and internationally," Mr Tupou added.

A total of seven women graduated at the ceremony, which included one woman

graduating with a trade qualification in Certificate III in Electro-technology Electrician.

In her closing remarks, APTC chief executive officer Denise O'Brien said that returning to study as an adult required dedication and a little bit of bravery.

"However, each graduate here today has demonstrated that learning is lifelong. The qualifications received will ensure that each graduate can

make a positive difference in their workplace, within the family and community", she said.

The ceremony also included a Fiji citizen who graduated with a Certificate III in Hospitality.

The graduates were trained at various APTC campus locations in Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Vanuatu. APTC also has a campus in Solomon Islands. (PR)

Gresley named HUD Pacific regional administrator

SAN FRANCISCO—U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Julián Castro named Jon Gresley to serve as HUD's Regional Administrator in Region 9, which includes the western states of Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and the U.S. territories in the Outer Pacific.

In his new position, Gresley will serve as HUD's chief liaison to state and local elected officials, congressional delegations, and other stakeholders throughout this region. He will work closely with senior officials of other federal agencies to effectively leverage resources and implement Administration-wide initiatives. He will also coordinate the delivery of HUD programmatic and financial support in housing, community and economic development to the numerous housing authorities, federally recognized tribes, state and local governments, and thousands of other stakeholders in the region.

"I'm thrilled Jon's bringing his years of experience

to HUD," said Castro. "He's been deeply involved in managing a large portfolio of public housing and improving living conditions for thousands of families over the years. Jon began his housing career with HUD. We're happy to welcome him home."

After serving in the Peace Corps in the Philippines, Gresley joined HUD as an urban intern in the early 1970s and quickly moved into positions of housing management. He served as the deputy executive director of the Oakland Housing Authority in 1980 and from 1999-2010, he was the agency's Executive Director. During his tenure, that agency gained national and international recognition for innovative affordable housing strategies including working closely with the Alameda County Sheriff's Department to establish the MOMs (Maxi-

mizing Opportunities for Mothers to Succeed) Program, an effort to provide affordable housing opportunities to justice-involved mothers being re-united with their children and transitioning back into society after incarceration.

In addition, Gresley collaborated with non-profit and for profit developers in an effort to revitalize 394 units of severely distressed public housing with 1,096 units of attractive, affordable, mixed-income rental apartments and homeownership homes.

Gresley has received numerous awards for his leadership in the affordable housing arena and has served in leadership roles for a number of local and national non-profit organizations. He earned a B.A. degree from DePauw University and an MBA with honors from St. Mary's College of California. (PR)

» Affordable housing expert to manage HUD's operations in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada

Enforcing safety standards on domestic ships in the Pacific

SUVA, Fiji—The Pacific Community's (SPC) Economic Development Division and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) are organizing a regional training for Flag State Inspectors to support and strengthen their important role in enforcing recognized safety standards and other requirements on vessels registered in their countries.

This training, which will be held in Suva, Fiji starting this week, will be attended by 13

nominated Flag State Inspectors in the Pacific region.

Jurisdiction over a ship in connection to its nationality requires certain obligations and responsibilities that are to be fulfilled by the State which entitles the ship to carry its flag.

Among others, the most prominent obligation for the State is to ensure safety standards are applied on-board the ship at all times so that passengers and crew can travel and work safely.

The principle of Flag

State jurisdiction or implementation which underpins maritime law is based on the assumption that a ship is a floating part of the Flag State's territory; this means the jurisdiction over a ship is connected to its nationality.

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) refers to ships of a State as "vessels of its registry", "vessel flying its flag" or "vessel having its nationality". (PR)

New Framework to build resilience to climate change, disasters in Pacific Islands

Pacific Leaders' endorsement of the The Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP), the world's first integrated regional framework to build resilience to climate change and disasters, has been applauded by Pacific regional and international organizations.

The Framework aims to ensure that climate change and disasters are understood as a development challenge with priority actions to address vulnerability to climate change and disasters and build resilience across all sectors.

The FRDP provides high-level voluntary guidance to national governments and administrations, the private sector, civil society organizations, Pacific communities, regional organizations, and development partners.

The FRDP advocates for the adoption of integrated approaches, whenever possible, for addressing climate change and disaster risks, in order to make more efficient use of resources, to rationalize multiple sources of funding, and for more effective mainstreaming of risks into development planning and budgets.

The Framework is closely aligned to implementing global agreements such as the Paris Agreement, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk

Reduction and the Sustainable Development Goals to help build a more sustainable and safer region.

A new Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) will coordinate cooperation as well as implement and monitor the FRDP. The Pacific Island Forum Leaders approved a Working Group to establish the structure of the Partnership.

The FRDP was developed in response to recommendations from the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management and Pacific Climate Change Roundtable in 2011 and endorsed by the Pacific Island Forum Leaders in 2012. An extensive and inclusive consultation process was undertaken over the last three years with Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs). Input was also received via regional meetings, sector dialogues and an online tool that drew submissions from around the world.

The development of the FRDP was supported by a Steering Committee comprising of representatives from PICTs, civil society and the private sector. A Technical Working Group provided technical advice and support to this process and comprises representatives from the Pacific Community (SPC), the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environ-

ment Programme (SPREP), Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS), United Nations Office of Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the University of the South Pacific (USP).

The development of the FRDP has been supported with funding from various sources including: the European Union through the Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (BSRP) project and Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA); the Australian Government (DFAT) through the International Climate Change Initiative (ICCAI) and funding for SPREP and SPC; the Government of Sweden support for the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable through SPREP; and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the USAID Institutional Strengthening in Pacific Island Countries to Adapt to Climate Change (ISACC) project.

The Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific: An Integrated Approach to Address Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management (FRDP) was endorsed by Leaders during the 47th Pacific Island Forum meeting in the Federated States of Micronesia. (PR)



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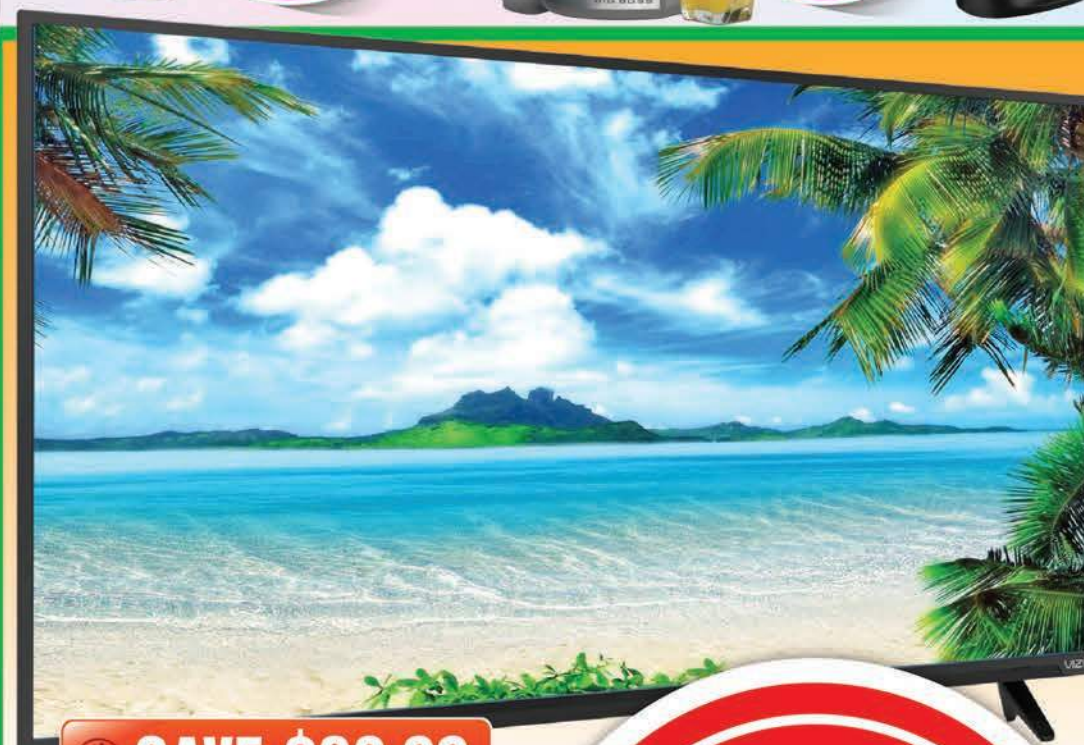
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Business

Mylan CEO defends EpiPen prices

WASHINGTON (AP)—The head of pharmaceutical company Mylan is defending the cost for life-saving EpiPens and is signaling the company has no plans to lower prices despite a public outcry.

“Price and access exist in a balance, and we believe we have struck that balance,” Heather Bresch says in prepared testimony released by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee ahead of her Wednesday appearance before the panel.

The price of EpiPens has grown to \$608 for a two-pack, an increase of more than 500 percent since 2007. Republicans and Democrats have said families struggling to pay for the emergency allergy shots have every right to be outraged by Mylan, a company whose sales are in excess of \$11 billion.



In this July 8, 2016, file photo, a pharmacist holds a package of EpiPens epinephrine auto-injector, a Mylan product, in Sacramento, Calif.

Bresch says in the testimony that she wishes the company had “better anticipated the magnitude and acceleration” of the rising prices for some families.

“We never intended this,” she says.

But she says investments are necessary to ensure more access for those who need it and the company has made strides to more widely distribute the drug to schools and others.

“We don’t want to go back to a time—not that long ago—when awareness of anaphylaxis was much lower and epinephrine auto injectors were only available in schools with a prescription for an individual child,” she says. “Achieving this level of expansion of awareness requires significant investment.”

House Oversight chairman Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, and the panel’s top Democrat, Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, have said they also want to examine ways to encourage greater competition in the EpiPen market.

“Our goal is to work together to ensure that critical medications, like the EpiPen, are accessible and affordable for all of our constituents,” Chaffetz and Cummings said in a joint statement last week.

Bresch has some familiarity with Capitol Hill—she is the daughter of Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va. But lawmakers so far haven’t given any deference to her because she is related to a colleague. Several other committees have called for investigations into the matter.

Pipeline will soon reopen, carrying gasoline to 5 states

ATLANTA (AP)—Gasoline should begin flowing again Wednesday—through a temporary bypass on a critical pipeline—after a major leak in Alabama forced a shutdown that led to surging fuel prices and scattered gas shortages across the South, a company official said Tuesday.

The roughly 500-foot (152-meter) section of pipe serving as the bypass is now complete, but supply disruptions may continue for days, Colonial Pipeline spokesman Steve Baker told The Associated Press.

“When Line 1 restarts, it will take several days for the fuel delivery supply chain to return to normal. As such, some markets served by Colonial Pipeline may experience, or continue to experience, intermittent service interruptions. Colonial continues to move as much gasoline, diesel and jet fuel as possible and will continue to do so until markets return to normal,” Colonial said in a statement.

Here are some details related to the spill that led to long gas lines and empty service stations:

Alabama state workers discovered the leak Sept. 9 when they noticed a strong gasoline odor and sheen on a man-made retention pond, along with dead vegetation, according to a report by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration part of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The preliminary report does not identify the cause as the federal investigation continues. It wasn’t initially possible to pinpoint the leak, partly because highly flammable benzene and gasoline vapors prevented firefighters

and inspectors from approaching the site for days.

The company has acknowledged that since the spill was spotted, between 252,000 gallons and 336,000 gallons of gasoline leaked from its pipeline near Helena, Alabama. That’s no more than 37 truckloads at an industry-average 9,000 gallons per tank.

But because the leak forced a critical pipeline to shut down, its impact was far greater. The pipeline section that failed, built in 1963, runs from Mississippi to Atlanta.

Samsung suffers backlash in China over smartphone response

BEIJING (AP)—Liu Jingtang was a Samsung loyalist. The Shanghai technology consultant traded up steadily through its smartphones to the new Note 7. But Liu’s devotion was shaken by the Korean tech giant’s confusing response to its latest product safety scare.

Liu, 32, said Samsung Electronics quickly confirmed his Note 7 wasn’t covered by a recall announced last week. But he said after reports China might have suffered its first explosion of the problem-plagued phone, Samsung’s announcement that it saw no problem with the battery with no other explanation left him baffled.

“My loyalty to Samsung is bound to decline by a lot,” said Liu. “Samsung was my priority, but not anymore.”

China should be a bright spot for Samsung as it wrestles with a global recall of 2.5 million of its new flagship smartphones. The company has not confirmed any in China suffer the same problems that led to fires in the United States. But its brand has been battered by complaints it is doing too little to reassure Chinese owners their handsets are safe.

The potential damage to its image threatens to disrupt Samsung’s efforts to use the

Note 7 to propel faster growth in a crowded Chinese market where it has slipped to sixth place after being the No. 1 brand as recently as mid-2014.

Chinese consumers are unusually alert to safety issues following an avalanche of scandals over shoddy or fake food, medicines and other goods. They also are sensitive about being treated as well as Western consumers.

“I think consumers are pretty unhappy with Samsung,” said Ben Cavender of China Market Research Group. “Consumers start to feel like they are being taken advantage of, that they are not being accorded the same respect here as they are abroad.”

Asked what it was doing to reassure Chinese consumers, Samsung said in a statement it is confident about the safety of Note 7s sold by authorized outlets.

IKEA suffered a similar backlash in June after the Swedish furniture recalled dressers in the United States and Canada due to concerns they could tip over and harm children. When the company didn’t immediately do the same in China, people posted angry comments online asking whether it valued Chinese lives less.

Peppered with questions, Wells Fargo CEO seemed taken aback

WASHINGTON (AP)—Facing bipartisan outrage from a Senate panel over accusations of employee misconduct, Wells Fargo CEO John Stumpf appeared taken aback by the intensity of the verbal lashing. At a few points, he seemed flustered and stumbled a bit over his words. He bristled at assertions that the alleged opening of millions of customer accounts without their permission was a “scam.”

Peppered with criticism for nearly three hours at a hearing Tuesday, the CEO of the

nation’s second-largest bank faced calls for his resignation from harshly critical senators. They pressed Stumpf about claims from regulators that Wells Fargo employees opened the unauthorized accounts, transferred customers’ money into them, and even signed people up for online banking in a feverish drive to meet sales targets.

Debit cards were issued and activated, as well as PINs created, without customers knowing, U.S. and California regulators said as

they fined San Francisco-based Wells Fargo a combined \$185 million earlier this month.

While partly political theater, members of the Senate Banking Committee showed rare bipartisanship in their condemnation of Wells Fargo, and weren’t satisfied by Stumpf’s show of contrition.

“Words that come like a San Francisco fog on little cat feet won’t cut it,” Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio, the panel’s top Democrat, told Stumpf. “These were not

magically delivered ‘unwanted products.’ This was fraud; fraud that you did not find or fix quickly enough.”

Stumpf said he was “deeply sorry” that the bank failed to meet its responsibility to customers and didn’t act sooner to stem “this unacceptable activity.” He promised to assist affected customers. The bank says it has already refunded to customers \$2.6 million in fees charged for products that were sold without authorization.

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Nation

Bomb suspect vowed 'death to your oppression,' feds say

NEW YORK (AP)—He bought bomb ingredients on eBay and recorded a mirthful video of himself igniting a blast in a backyard. In a handwritten journal, he warned that bombs would resound in the streets and prayed he'd be martyred rather than caught, authorities say.

Ahmad Khan Rahami's jihad journal ended with a stark message, according to court papers:

"Death to your oppression."

Federal court complaints filed Tuesday gave a chilling glimpse into what authorities say motivated the Afghan-born U.S. citizen to set off explosives last weekend in New York City and New Jersey, including a bomb that injured 31 people in Manhattan. The blasts came two years after the FBI looked into him but came up with nothing tying him to terrorism.

Rahami remains hospitalized with gunshot wounds from a shootout with police that led to his capture Monday outside a bar in Linden, New Jersey. It wasn't immediately clear whether he had a lawyer who could comment on the charges against him, which include federal terror crimes and state charges of attempting to murder police officers.

Rahami ordered citric acid, ball bearings and electronic igniters on eBay and had them



This frame from surveillance video released by the New Jersey State Police shows Ahmad Khan Rahami, wanted for questioning Monday, Sept. 19, 2016, in bombings that rocked the Chelsea neighborhood of New York and the New Jersey shore town Seaside Park over the weekend.

delivered to a Perth Amboy, New Jersey, business where he worked until Sept. 12, the court complaints said. San Jose, California-based eBay Inc. noted that the products are legal and widely available and said the company had worked with law enforcement on the investigation.

Just two days before Saturday's bombings, a relative's cell phone recorded Rahami igniting incendiary material in a backyard, the fuse being lighted, a loud noise and

flames, "followed by billowing smoke and laughter," the complaints said.

And the complaints said in his bloodied journal—dam-

aged by shots from his gun battle with police—he fumed that the U.S. government was slaughtering Muslim holy warriors and alluded to plans

for revenge.

One portion expressed concern at the prospect of being caught before being able to carry out a suicide attack and the desire to be a martyr. Another section included a reference to "pipe bombs" and a "pressure cooker bomb" and declared: "In the streets they plan to run a mile," an apparent reference to one of the blast sites, a charity run in Seaside Park, New Jersey.

"The sounds of bombs will be heard in the streets," the journal declared.

There also were laudatory references to Osama bin Laden, Anwar al-Awlaki—the American-born Muslim cleric who was killed in a 2011 drone strike and whose preaching has inspired other acts of violence—and Nidal Hasan, the former Army officer who went on a deadly shooting rampage in 2009 at Fort Hood, Texas, the complaints said.

The FBI has said Rahami

apparently was not on its radar at the time of the bombing. But he was in 2014, when the FBI opened up an "assessment"—its least intrusive form of inquiry—based on comments from his father after a domestic dispute, the bureau said in a statement.

"The FBI conducted internal database reviews, inter-agency checks and multiple interviews, none of which revealed ties to terrorism," the bureau said.

A law enforcement official said the FBI spoke with Rahami's father in 2014 after agents learned of his concerns that the son could be a terrorist. During the inquiry, the father backed away from talk of terrorism and told investigators that he simply meant his son was hanging out with the wrong crowd, according to the official, who was not authorized to discuss the investigation and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Lawyers for slain Tulsa man: Drug discussion a distraction

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—Investigators found the drug PCP in the vehicle of an unarmed black man fatally shot by a white officer, according to Oklahoma police, but attorneys for the slain man's family say a discussion of drugs distracts from questions about the use of deadly force.

Tulsa Sgt. Dave Walker told the Tulsa World on Tuesday that investigators recovered one vial of PCP in Terence Crutcher's SUV, but he declined to say where in the vehicle it was found or whether officers determined if Crutcher used it Friday night. Walker confirmed to The Associated Press that what he told the newspaper was true, but de-

clined further comment.

A spokeswoman for the state medical examiner's office said autopsy and toxicology results for Crutcher are pending, and police said Tuesday the toxicology report could take several weeks.

Attorneys for Crutcher's family said the man's relatives did not know whether drugs were found in his vehicle and, even if they were, that wouldn't justify his fatal shooting.

"Let us not be throwing a red herring, and to say because something was found in the car that was justification to shoot him," said attorney Benjamin Crump, one of the family's lawyers.

Unarmed black man killed by female police officer



Crump compared Crutcher's shooting to Monday's arrest of New York bombing suspect Ahmad Khan Rahami, who police say engaged officers in a shootout.

"He wasn't killed. So why was an unarmed black man who has committed

no crime, who only needs a hand, given bullets in his lungs?" Crump said.

Tulsa police officer Betty Shelby fatally shot the 40-year-old on Friday after responding to a report of a stalled vehicle. Sgt. Shane Tuell said Tuesday that Shelby had a stun gun at the time but did not use it. Officer Tyler Turnbough, who is also white, used a stun gun on Crutcher, police said.

Two 911 calls described an SUV that had been abandoned in the middle of the road. One unidentified caller said the driver was acting strangely, adding, "I think he's smoking something."

PCP or phencyclidine, also called angel dust, can cause slurred speech, loss of coordination and a sense of strength or invulnerability, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the National Institute on Drug Abuse. At high doses, it can cause hallucinations and paranoia.

Oklahoma prison officials confirmed Tuesday that Crutcher served four years in prison on a drug conviction from 2007 to 2011.

But Damario Solomon-Simmons, another attorney for Crutcher's family, said Shelby and other officers had no way of knowing about Crutcher's background or the potential for drugs in his vehicle when they approached him Friday.

"It's undisputed that the officers on the scene had no idea what may be in Terence's car," Solomon-Simmons said.

Protesters confront police after shooting in Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—A black police officer shot an armed black man at a Charlotte, North Carolina, apartment complex Tuesday, authorities said, prompting angry street protests late into the night.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department tweeted that demonstrators were destroying marked police vehicles and that approximately 12 officers had been injured, including one who was hit in the face with a rock. Television coverage showed police firing tear gas to break up the crowd. The protests came just hours after another demonstration in Tulsa, Oklahoma, over the shooting there of an unarmed black man by police.

Charlotte police went to the complex about 4 p.m. looking for a suspect with an outstanding warrant when they saw the man—not the suspect they were looking for—inside a car, department spokesman Keith Trietley said in a statement.

Officers saw the man get out of the car with a gun and then get back in, Trietley said. When officers approached, the man exited the car with the gun again. At that point, officers deemed the man a threat and at least one fired a weapon, he said.

The man, identified as 43-year-old Keith Lamont Scott, was taken to Carolinas Medical Center and pronounced dead.

Officer Brentley Vinson, who shot Scott, has been placed on administrative leave, which is standard procedure in such cases. Vinson has been with the department for two years.

Detectives recovered a firearm at the scene and were interviewing witnesses, Trietley said.

Police blocked access to the area, which is about a mile from the campus of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, as protesters gathered after the shooting.

Video from WCCB-TV in Charlotte showed police in riot gear stretched across a two-lane road confronting protesters at the apartment complex later in the night.

ACROSS THE NATION

1 Air Force pilot dead, 1 hurt after ejecting in California

SUTTER, Calif. (AP)—One American pilot was killed and another injured when they ejected from a U-2 spy plane shortly before it crashed in Northern California on Tuesday morning, the U.S. Air Force said. The plane crashed shortly after taking off from Beale Air Force Base on a training mission around 9 a.m., military officials said. They did not release the pilots' names or any information about the condition of the surviving airman. The aircraft, assigned to the 1st Reconnaissance Squadron, crashed in the Sutter Buttes, a mountain range about 60 miles (97 kilometers) north of Sacramento. Col. Larry Broadwell, the base commander, said the flight, including its flight path was routine before the crash. He pledged to support the family of the deceased pilot and said surveillance pilots will mourn the loss.

Tribal leaders meet with feds in push

against opioid abuse

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—American Indian tribal leaders from northern New Mexico—an area of the country devastated by heroin and opioid addiction—met with the U.S. Justice Department on Tuesday over ways to combat opioid abuse amid high overdose deaths among Native Americans. And both sides say much more needs to be done. Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce Ohr spoke with representatives and police chiefs from the eight northern New Mexico Native American pueblos as part of a push to combat heroin-related deaths across the state, including Indian Country. They discussed ways for better treatment, the need for more law enforcement resources and the desire for an educational blitz targeting American Indian children as young as 8. "Here in New Mexico we are facing an epidemic," U.S. Attorney Damon Martinez said. "One of the (pueblo) governors brought pictures of these hypodermic needles they are picking up on a daily basis."

Asia

Saudia plane isolated in Manila following false distress call

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The flight crew of a Saudi Arabian Airlines plane mistakenly pressed a hijack warning button twice as it approached Manila's airport on Tuesday, causing airport officials to mobilize security forces and isolate the jet after it landed, Philippine officials said.

Manila airport manager Eddie Monreal said Flight SV872 from Jeddah made the distress call about 20 miles (32 kilometers) from the airport. Airport authorities asked for a verification of the emergency message and the flight crew confirmed the distress call, he said. It was not immediately clear how the confirmation was made, but internationally known emergency codes were used by both the flight crew and control tower, Monreal said.

However, the captain later told the control tower that a button indicating a hijacking was in progress had been pushed accidentally. Despite the assurance, airport authorities quickly convened a crisis



Passengers disembark from Saudi Arabian Airlines plane at the parallel runway of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport after it made a distress call shortly before landing Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016 at suburban Pasay city south of Manila, Philippines.

committee, Monreal said.

"We can never play around with safety and security," Monreal said. "We decided that we will not take that call hook, line and sinker saying that it was a mistake."

The Boeing 777 was isolated after it landed and security personnel were deployed as a precaution. The passengers were later allowed to disembark and told reporters that everything had been normal in the cabin until relatives

informed them by cellphone about reports that the aircraft may have been hijacked.

Some of those coming off the plane were dressed in white, likely indicating that they were returning from the annual hajj pilgrimage, a ritual required of all able-bodied Muslims once in a lifetime.

Saudia Arabian Airlines, also known as Saudia, does brisk business during the hajj, which reached its climax last week.

India soldiers battle suspected militants in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Indian soldiers on Tuesday battled two groups of suspected militants along the highly militarized de facto border dividing the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir between India and Pakistan, leaving one soldier dead, the Indian army said.

Army spokesman Col. Rajesh Kalia said the two groups infiltrated into the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir from the Pakistani-held portion.

Both gunbattles were continuing and one soldier had been killed in the fighting, an army officer said on condition of anonymity because he was not au-

thorized to speak to the media.

Earlier Tuesday, Kalia said Pakistani soldiers violated the 2003 cease-fire accord between India and Pakistan by firing bullets at an Indian military position from across the heavily fortified frontier in Uri region, where early Sunday four suspected rebels killed 18 Indian soldiers in an audacious attack on a crucial military base. The militants were also killed in the attack.

Kalia did not give more details about the reported cease-fire violation.

In Pakistan, two senior army officers dismissed the Indian allegation as baseless. The officers, who spoke on condition

of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk on the record, said no Pakistani troops had fired at any Indian military position in Kashmir.

Kalia said soldiers were exchanging fierce gunfire with the two groups of militants in Uri region and Nowgam sector.

Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan by a heavily militarized and mountainous frontier called the Line of Control.

The two nuclear-armed rivals have fought three wars, including two over their competing claims to the Himalayan territory, though the 2003 cease-fire has largely held despite small but regular skirmishes.

meters). The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center says no tsunami warnings are in effect. There were no immediate reports of damage.

Thai river boat death toll climbs to 27 as helmsman arrested

BANGKOK (AP)—The helmsman who operated a passenger boat that sank in a Thai river over the weekend has been arrested for violating navigation laws as the death toll climbed Tuesday to at least 27 people, an official

said. The search was continuing for two passengers known to be missing, a 2-year-old boy and a 70-year-old woman, said the Marine Department official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to release information. The boat was carrying over 100 Muslims home from a religious festival Sunday on the Chao Phraya river north of Bangkok. It sank rapidly after taking on water just a few meters from the riverbank. Forty-four passengers were hurt.

World

UN suspends aid convoys to Syria after 'savage' attack

BEIRUT (AP)—The United States on Tuesday blamed Russia for an overnight attack on an aid convoy that killed 20 civilians as the U.N. announced it was suspending overland aid deliveries in Syria, jeopardizing food and medical security for millions of besieged and hard-to-reach civilians.

Confusion continued about who struck the convoy, but the White House insisted it was either Russia or Syria. White House deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes said either way, the U.S. held Russia responsible, because it was Russia's job under the week-old cease-fire to prevent Syria's air force from striking in areas where humanitarian aid was being transported.

"All of our information indicates clearly that this was an airstrike," Rhodes said, rejecting the claim by Russia's Defense Ministry that a cargo fire caused the damage. Both Russia and Syria have denied carrying out the bombing.

Within one minute of the strike, the U.S. tracked a Russian-made Su-24 directly over the region of the attack, U.S. officials said. Even that revelation failed

to definitively implicate Russia because both the Russian and Syrian air forces fly the Su-24, although the U.S. officials said there were strong indications that the jet was flown by the Russian military.

The officials spoke anonymously because they were not authorized to comment publicly on the incident.

Witnesses described the Monday attack on a Syrian Arab Red Crescent warehouse and convoy in the rebel-held town of Uram al-Kubra in Aleppo province as prolonged and intense, saying the aerial bombardment continued as rescue workers rushed to pull the wounded from the flaming wreckage and rubble.

The convoy was part of a routine interagency dispatch operated by the Syrian Red Crescent, which U.N. officials said was delivering assistance to 78,000 people in Uram al-Kubra, west of Aleppo city. It was carrying food, medicines, emergency health kits, IV fluids, and other essentials supplied by the U.N. and the World Health Organization.

Local paramedic and media activist Mohammad Rasoul, who was among the

first to arrive at the scene, said over 100 tons of food, medicine, and baby formula had gone up in flames. He said 18 of the convoy's 31 trucks were completely destroyed.

The attack "erased the convoy from the face of the earth," Rasoul said.

"I've never seen anything like this attack," he said. "If this had been a military position, it wouldn't have been targeted with such intensity."

He said the attack began around 20 minutes after sunset on Monday and continued for two hours.

Pointing to the fact that Syria's rebels don't possess an air force, the White House said process of elimination indicated that either Syria's military or Russia's launched the attack. Both Syrian and Russian aircraft operate over the province, while the U.S.-led coalition targets the Islamic State group in other parts of the country.

At the same time the attack took place on Uram al-Kubra, presumed Syrian or Russian jets launched a wave of attacks in and around the nearby city of Aleppo, minutes after Syria's military announced a weeklong cease-fire had expired.

International gathering again puts Syria no closer to peace

NEW YORK (AP)—Another city, another Syria meeting. Another failure.

Tuesday's gathering of the top U.S. and Russian diplomats, and more than a dozen of their Arab and European counterparts, ended with ritual reaffirmation of a cease-fire that has all but disintegrated, and promises of future negotiations. But it left Syria no closer to peace.

The familiar storyline came as the 5-year-old civil war threatened to enter a darker phase as the United Nations denounced what it called a deliberate attack on a humanitarian convoy, which killed 20 civilians.

"Just when we think it cannot get any worse, the bar of depravity sinks lower," Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said.

The White House said the airstrike was launched by Syria's or Russia's military, adding that in either case, it held Russia responsible.

The U.N. suspended aid deliveries and a Syr-

ian human rights group reported that the government launched an offensive north of Aleppo in a bid to tighten the siege on rebel-held parts of Syria's largest city.

Still, the diplomats insisted Syria's cease-fire wasn't dead. With few alternatives for trying to end the conflict, they pressed on with a strategy that appeared to impress few and convince no one.

"It's the only show in town," British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said bluntly of the talks that are now set to continue later this week.

The discussion led by Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov lasted only about an hour, after the two met privately beforehand. Goals were modest, focused on holding onto what might be salvageable from a week-old truce that had at least temporarily reduced the bloodshed. Gone were the loftier ambitions of creating a new, U.S.-Russian

military partnership against Islamic State militants and al-Qaida, once envisioned to start Tuesday.

No one spoke of a breakthrough.

"The cease-fire is not dead," Kerry insisted, adding that unspecified "specific steps" would be weighed in a follow-up discussion later this week. The U.N. Security Council also will take up the Syria crisis on Wednesday, though diplomats also have abandoned hopes of a passing a resolution to endorse the U.S.-Russian truce deal reached earlier this month.

Rhetorically, at least, the diplomats expressed some hope. That was an improvement from Monday, when Syria's Russian-backed government declared the cease-fire over, and Moscow and Damascus were harshly criticizing the United States for a mistaken air raid on Syrian soldiers over the weekend.

But it also reflected Washington's desperation.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Magnitude 6.0 earthquake hits near Japanese island chain

TOKYO (AP)—The U.S. Geological Survey says a magnitude 6.0 earthquake has struck in the sparsely populated Izu Islands region south-southeast of Japan's main island of Honshu. USGS reported that the earthquake hit around 1:21 a.m. local time Wednesday with its epicenter located about 382 miles (617 kilometers) south-southeast of Tokyo. Its depth was measured at 6.2 miles (10 kilo-

Environment

UN says 30 more countries to ratify climate deal

KARL RITTER
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STOCKHOLM (AP)—Thirty more countries are expected to formally join the Paris Agreement on climate change this week, greatly improving the pact's chances of coming into force just a year after it was negotiated in the French capital, the United Nations said Tuesday.

More than 170 world leaders have signed the deal, but it won't take effect until 55 countries accounting for at least 55 percent of global emissions have ratified or accepted it through their domestic procedures.

That was initially expected to take several years, but 28 countries accounting for 39 percent of emissions including the world's two biggest emitters, the United States and China, have already ratified the deal.

The 30 ratifications expected to be handed to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at a special event at U.N. headquarters in New York on Wednesday would bring the total to 58 countries—but many are small and their total emissions likely won't reach the required 55 percent.

Brazil, Mexico and Argentina are the largest emitters on the list announced late Tuesday by the United Nations. But the 30 countries will only bring the emissions total to 47 percent.



AP
Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon speaks during the 71st session of the United Nations General Assembly, Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016, at U.N. headquarters.

At least half a dozen small island nations including Papua New Guinea, Tonga and Kiribati are expected to ratify along with several countries from Central America, Africa, Asia and one from the Mideast—the United Arab Emirates.

"We are ready. We will announce it in New York," Moroccan Environment Minister Hakima el-Haite told The Associated Press.

In the world of international diplomacy, this is considered a blistering pace, reflecting a sense of urgency in the fight against global warming and a desire to seal the deal before Ban and U.S. President Barack Obama leave office.

After years of negotiations, governments agreed in Paris last December to curb the

emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that scientists say are warming the planet.

Ban, who has made climate change a top priority since he became secretary-general nearly 10 years ago, urged world leaders in his keynote speech at the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday to bring the Paris Agreement into force by the end of the year.

"The Earth assails us with rising seas, record heat and extreme storms," Ban said. "With the Paris Agreement on climate change, we are tackling the defining challenge of our time."

U.S. diplomats are also pushing other countries to accelerate their ratification efforts so that the deal can enter

into force this year. The White House says Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry plan to corner foreign leaders in the hallways during the U.N. gathering to personally pressure them to join this week.

"We're very anxious to have it move forward quickly," U.S. climate envoy Jonathan Pershing told the AP. "We are talking to everybody about the urgency." Pershing said the haste comes down to the fact that "this is a problem that can't wait."

Others say another factor is the potential of a shift in U.S. climate policy depending on the outcome of the presidential election in November. Democratic Party candidate Hillary Clinton has said the U.S. must implement the Paris Agreement, but Republican

candidate Donald Trump has said he will cancel the deal.

"The Obama administration clearly would like to see this done before they leave office," said Alden Meyer, a veteran observer of the U.N. climate talks at the Union of Concerned Scientists.

"That doesn't guarantee that the next president will fully implement Paris," Meyer said. "But it would take at least four years for the U.S. to formally withdraw."

The Paris Agreement asks both rich and poor countries to take action to curb the rise in global temperatures that is melting glaciers, raising sea levels and shifting rainfall patterns across the globe. It requires governments to present national plans to reduce

emissions, though the targets themselves aren't internationally binding.

The European Union, which considers itself as one of the architects of the Paris deal, is trying to fast-track its ratification process to avoid the embarrassment of sitting on the sidelines when it comes into force.

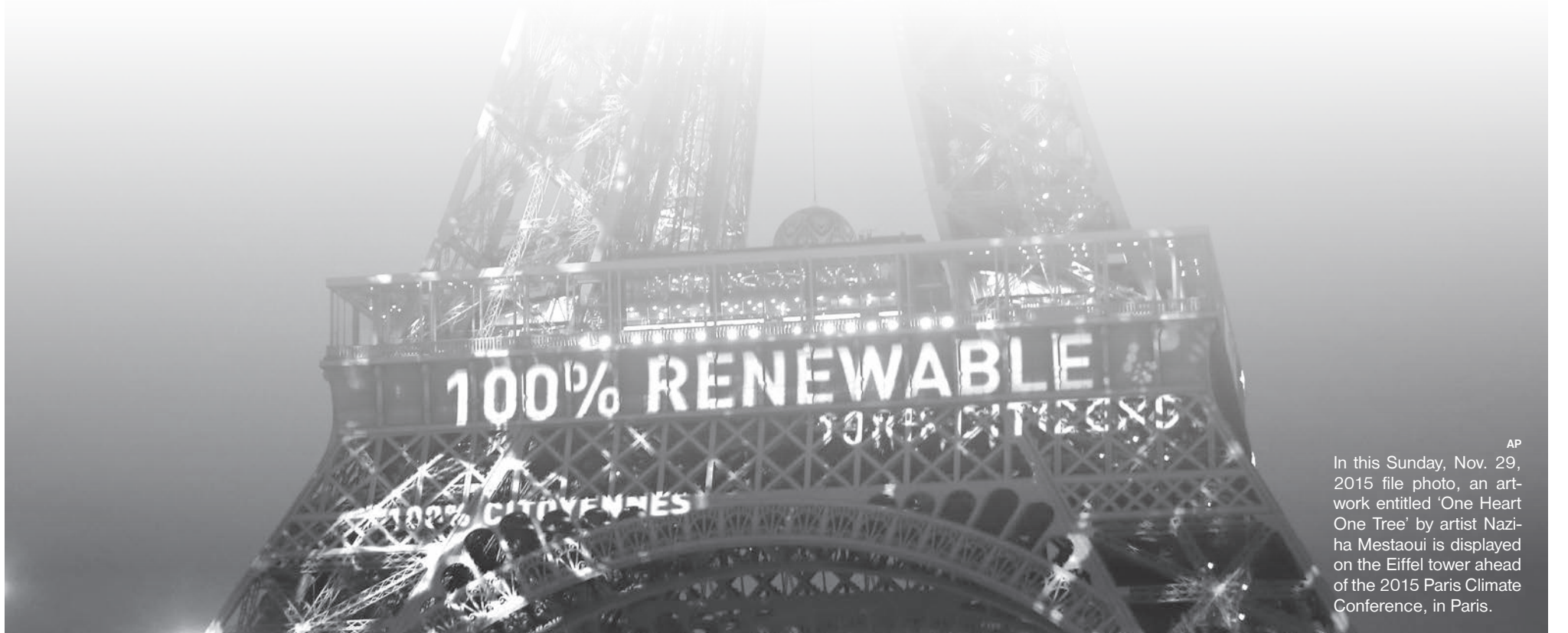
The EU, which accounts for 12 percent of global emissions, originally planned to wait for its 28 member states to approve the deal domestically, but now wants to ratify it on their behalf.

"It's technically possible," said Anna-Kaisa Ikonen, a spokeswoman for EU Climate Commissioner Miguel Arias Canete. "But politically it's a decision of the member states."

With or without the EU, there's a chance that the deal can enter into force as early as the next U.N. climate conference, which starts Nov. 7 in Marrakech, Morocco.

For some the timing is mostly symbolic, because the first round of emissions targets doesn't start until 2020. For others, like the island nations who face an existential risk from rising seas, it's imperative that countries prepare to implement—and improve—their targets as soon as possible.

"We cannot wait," said Maldives Environment Minister Thoriq Ibrahim, who chairs an alliance of small island states. "We are at the forefront of climate change and we are the people who will suffer if there is no action taken early."



AP
In this Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015 file photo, an artwork entitled 'One Heart One Tree' by artist Naziha Mestaoui is displayed on the Eiffel tower ahead of the 2015 Paris Climate Conference, in Paris.

Life & Style

Jolie files for divorce from Pitt 'for health of the family'

NEW YORK (AP)—Angelina Jolie Pitt has filed for divorce from Brad Pitt, bringing an end to what began as the world's most tabloid headline-generating romance before morphing into a glamorous engine of family and philanthropy.

Jolie Pitt, 41, cited "irreconcilable difference" in divorce papers filed Monday in Los Angeles. She is seeking physical custody of their six children, with visitation rights for Pitt.

An attorney for Jolie Pitt, Robert Offer, said Tuesday that her decision to divorce was made "for the health of the family." The filing dated the couple's separation to last Thursday.

"I am very saddened by this, but what matters most now is the wellbeing of our kids. I kindly ask the press to give them the space they deserve during this challenging time," Pitt said in a statement to People.

Mark Vincent Kaplan, a veteran divorce attorney who was Kevin Federline's attorney in his divorce from Britney Spears and has handled several high-profile cases, reviewed the filing at the AP's request.

"There is no indication on the face of the petition filed by Ms. Jolie that there is a prenuptial agreement, or that if there is a prenup, she is asking the court to consider whether or not to invalidate it," said Kaplan.



AP
In this Jan. 15, 2007 file photo, Brad Pitt, and actress Angelina Jolie arrive for the 64th Annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif.

cancer treatment after undergoing a double mastectomy herself. Pitt built homes in New Orleans for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Jolie Pitt also launched herself as a film director. Last year, the couple starred together in her "By the Sea," playing a glamorous couple vacationing together in France while their marriage was on the rocks. It made a mere \$538,000 at the box office domestically.

In a 2014 interview with The Associated Press, Jolie Pitt said playing a couple with marital problems was cathartic.

"It almost makes you get past those issues because you can laugh at them," Jolie Pitt said. "You do a film about bad marriage and you witness that behavior. You study it, you let it out, you attack each other and then you just want to hold each other and make sure you never behave that way."

Jolie Pitt earlier this year finished shooting her fourth feature as director, "First They Killed My Father." The film, about the 1970s Khmer Rouge regime, was shot in Cambodia.

Though together for 12 years, Pitt and Jolie Pitt—known as "Brangelina"—only wed in August 2014. They married privately at their French chateau in the Provence hamlet of Correns with their children serving as ring bearers and throwing flower petals. They announced the ceremony days later.

Their children are: 15-year-old Maddox, 12-year-old Pax, 11-year-old Zahara, 10-year-old Shiloh, and 8-year-old

twins Knox and Vivienne.

This is the second marriage for Pitt, 52, who previously wed Jennifer Aniston. It's the third for Jolie Pitt, who was previously married to Billy Bob Thornton and Jonny Lee Miller.

Their initial romance sparked a tabloid avalanche unlike any in recent memory. Pitt and Jolie became close while filming 2005's "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," prompting widespread speculation—con-

sistently denied by the couple—that Jolie prompted Pitt's divorce from Aniston. Pitt and Aniston announced their separation in January 2005.

But after the media upheaval, Jolie Pitt and Pitt eventually settled into their own unique kind of globe-trotting domesticity. They were seldom-seen Hollywood royalty, their image predicated more on parenting than partying.

The pair adopted children from Cambodia, Vietnam and

Ethiopia. In 2006, they formed the Jolie-Pitt Foundation, to which they funneled many of the millions they made selling personal pictures to celebrity magazines.

Jolie Pitt, who became special envoy for the United Nations in 2012, became an outspoken voice for refugees, as well as for breast

Divorce will unspool the complex life Jolie and Pitt created

LOS ANGELES (AP)—For more than a decade, Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt have been a glamorous, globe-trotting Hollywood power couple, attracting cameras to their film projects and philanthropy alike.

With six children, homes in the U.S. and France, and the philanthropic Jolie-Pitt Foundation, the pair has much at stake. The pair became a couple in 2004 but married two years ago—which could further complicate the divorce that Jolie Pitt filed for Monday, and put the future of all they've shared in the hands of teams of lawyers and accountants.

Under California law, only assets acquired during their marriage must be split equally, said Los Angeles divorce attorney Peter Walzer. Forbes magazine estimates the pair earned a combined \$555 million since their relationship

began, with pre-tax earnings of \$117.5 million since their 2014 marriage.

If Jolie Pitt and Pitt haven't already spelled out who owned what prior to their marriage, a divorce judge won't have authority to help them work it out. Jolie Pitt's filing did not indicate whether the couple has a prenuptial agreement.

"The rules are really unclear when you don't get married and you don't have a written partnership agreement," said Walzer, who is vice president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Pitt and Jolie Pitt's relationship grew out their roles in the action comedy "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," and they reunited on the big screen for last year's marital melodrama "By the Sea."

The two don't have any joint upcoming projects. But both have a number of films coming out soon that will

surely receive more attention in the wake of their breakup. Pitt stars in the World War II romantic thriller "Allied," which is out in November, and Jolie directed her fourth film, "First They Killed My Father," which is set to be released by Netflix next year.

Other Hollywood power couples have faced similar dilemmas. When Melanie Griffith filed for divorce from Antonio Banderas in 2014, the actors had a number of joint film ventures and had intermingled their political lives. Their divorce judgment, entered in December, divided their homes and shares of profits from numerous films, including several movies in the "Shrek" franchise.

For now, Jolie Pitt and Pitt's immediate concern, as evidenced by statements each of them issued Tuesday, appears to be their six children, who range in age from 8 to 15. Jo-

lie Pitt is seeking sole physical custody, with Pitt having visitation.

Any custody agreement they reach in Los Angeles would continue to be enforceable overseas, and would spell out where the holidays will be celebrated and how Jolie Pitt and Pitt will make decisions about the children's medical care and education.

"You don't split the kids the way you do bank accounts," said Mike Kretzmer, a Los Angeles divorce lawyer who has handled numerous celebrity divorces and specializes in complex custody cases. He said Jolie Pitt and Pitt, along with their lawyers, are going to have to come up with a workable parenting plan.

"It doesn't matter whether you've got 10 cents or 10 billion dollars, this can be a really painful process for everyone involved," he said.

Other celebs react to Brangelina split

LOS ANGELES (AP)—As news spread that Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie were divorcing after being together since 2004, celebrities reacted—or didn't—across social media and on the red carpet:

"It's their business, and it's not for anybody else to comment on."—Actress Emily Blunt to The Associated Press at the London premiere of "The Girl on the Train."

"Before we get too cavalier about it, let's remember that Brangelina was possibly the only thing still holding the USA together."—Actor Josh Gad on Twitter.

"It's very sad to hear."—Actor Luke Evans to the AP at the London premiere of "The Girl on the Train."

"Brad and Angelina. How am I supposed to go to work today?"—Model and TV personality Chrissy Teigen on Twitter.

"I feel bad for kids that aren't gonna get adopted by Brangelina now."—Reality TV personality Spencer Pratt on Twitter.

"Tower of Terror! Eggo! Skittles! Brad Pitt! I don't know why ANY of them are trending, but I'm running to my basement. It's over."—Actor-comedian Patton Oswalt on Twitter.

"It's sad about Brad and Angelina, but it's also none of our business!"—Pop star Boy George on Twitter.

"I'm clutching at my pearls in shock! Celebs ... getting ... divorced?! I thought I'd never see it."—"Jersey Shore" cast member Vinny Guadagnino on Twitter.

"Frankly, with all that's going on in the world, I just think it's a shame that's even talked about. They're just two people breaking up. There's bigger fish to fry right now."—Filmmaker Tate Taylor to the AP at the London premiere of "The Girl on the Train."

"Everyone is serious as a heart attack with this 'I might actually have a chance!!!!' talk."—Musician Questlove on Twitter.

Jennifer Aniston memes explode in response to Pitt divorce

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Jared Leto set to star as Andy Warhol in biopic

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jared Leto is set to star as eccentric pop art icon Andy Warhol in an upcoming biopic. Leto's representative has confirmed a Hollywood Reporter story on the project. Terence Winter is set to write the screenplay. Winter is a former writer for HBO's "The Sopranos" and was nominated for an Oscar for his screenplay for Martin Scorsese's, "The Wolf of Wall Street." Leto has a history of taking on challenging roles. He won an Academy Award in 2014 for his portrayal of a transgender woman with AIDS in "Dallas Buyers Club." He also played John Lennon's assassin, Mark David Chapman, in 2007's "Chapter 27" and appeared as the Joker in "Suicide Squad" this summer. Warhol died in 1987 at the age of 58.

Ray LaMontagne cancels Texas show over university guns law

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Singer-songwriter Ray LaMontagne has canceled a Thursday show at the University of Texas in protest of a new state law that allows concealed handgun license holders to carry their weapons into public college buildings. The law allows those weapons into the university's Bass Concert Hall, where LaMontagne was scheduled to perform. In a statement cancel-

ing the show, LaMontagne said he considers himself "very open minded" but he can't support allowing guns on college campuses. LaMontagne said: "There are a lot of things this country needs more of, but guns aren't one of them." A university statement said school officials regret the cancellation but respect LaMontagne's decision. The school noted the university's guns policy was based on state law allowing concealed handguns inside the building.

Alexis Arquette died of heart attack, battled HIV

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Alexis Arquette died from a heart attack and battled HIV for 29 years, according to her death certificate. The transgender character actress and sibling of actors David, Rosanna, Richmond and Patricia Arquette died Sept. 11 in Los Angeles. She was 47. The death certificate released Tuesday lists cardiac arrest as her immediate cause of death and that Arquette suffered a bacterial infection three weeks before her death. HIV is also noted as an underlying cause of death. Arquette memorably played a trans sex worker in "Last Exit to Brooklyn" and a Boy George impersonator in "The Wedding Singer." In a statement, the Arquettes said that their sister's career "was cut short, not by her passing, but by her decision to live her truth and her life as a transgender woman."

LOS ANGELES (AP)—#Brangelina may be the top trending hashtag Tuesday, but Jennifer Aniston's face is the one saturating social media.

Aniston memes of all kinds were the Internet's response to the Tuesday morning announcement that Angelina Jolie Pitt had filed for divorce from Brad Pitt.

The couple fell in love during the making of 2005's "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," when Brad Pitt was still married to Aniston.

Fans are posting pictures of Aniston from her past performances—wearing a cheerleader outfit, making an I-told-you-so face—in their reactions to the Pitt divorce news. By mid-day Tuesday, Aniston was the second most popular trending topic on Twitter.

Aniston and Pitt wed in 2000 and split in 2005. Aniston married actor-writer Justin Theroux in 2015.



In this April 13, 2016 file photo, Jennifer Aniston arrives at the Los Angeles premiere of "Mother's Day." AP

Prince William talks of 'dark moments' in air ambulance job

LONDON (AP)—Prince William has talked of "dark moments" in his job as an air ambulance pilot as he spoke of the strength he takes from the camaraderie of being part of a four-person helicopter crew.

Britain's second-in-line to the throne shared his experiences Tuesday on the BBC Future website released during Nation-

al Air Ambulance Week.

Sitting in the open side door of the air ambulance with Capt. James Pusey, William says his most challenging case had to do with a patient who had suffered burns and who was "beyond help."

William says "there are some very sad, dark moments and you know we talk about it a lot.

That's the best way of dealing with some of the situations."

The prince works as a pilot with East Anglian Air Ambulance.

He was trained by the Royal Air Force as a search and rescue helicopter pilot and conducted numerous missions while stationed at a base off the coast of Wales.

Charlie Sheen to star in comedy feature for Crackle network

NEW YORK

(AP)—Winning? Famously rambunctious former sitcom star Charlie Sheen will star in and executive produce a movie for Crackle, the streaming network said Tuesday.

The film, "Mad Families," is described as a multi-gener-



Sheen

ational comedy starring Sheen as a lovable man-child with a heart of gold.

It also features Leah Remini and Clint Howard, and was written by actor-comedian David Spade with Fred

Wolf, who is directing. No premiere date was disclosed.

Sheen starred in the hit CBS sitcom "Two and a Half Men" for eight seasons before being dismissed in 2011 after a heated clash with the show's producers and studio.

He made headlines last November when he publicly revealed that he was HIV-positive, while insisting he was healthy and that his partying days were over.

House that played Harry Potter's Privet Drive home for sale

LONDON (AP)—A suburban house that starred onscreen as Harry Potter's childhood home is on the market—complete with a cupboard under the stairs.

Fans of the boy wizard will recognize 12 Picket Post Close as 4 Privet Drive, home of Harry's dastardly aunt and uncle, the Dursleys.

The couple grudgingly took Harry in after his parents were murdered and made him sleep in a cupboard under the stairs.

The house in Bracknell, 30 miles (50 kilometers) west

of London, was a location featured in the 2001 film "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone." A studio set of the house was built for later installments of the eight-film series.

Real estate agency Chancellors says the three-bedroom house "has recently undergone complete renovation to an extremely high standard." It's listed at a price of 475,000 pounds (\$616,000.)

Real estate agent Paul Bosanko said "the original plan was to take this property to market without using any ref-

erence to Harry Potter."

But since news of the connection got out, interest has shot up, "and that may or may not influence the final price that we achieve at this property," Bosanko said.

Neighbor Karen Field said that the house still attracts Potter fans a decade-and-a-half after the film crews left.

When the movie first came out, "there were tour buses, literally tour buses coming down the road," Field said.

"It's a lot quieter now," she said. "School holidays, you still get people coming along."

Husband's new acting career gets bad reviews from family

DEAR ABBY: I have been happily married for 20 years to an amazing man, "Boyd." Eight months ago, he left his administrative job to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming an actor. He is working hard on auditions and shoots, and I am very proud of him. However, when he left his job, it felt to me like a pronouncement rather than the result of our usual mutual decisions.

Unfortunately, I communicated my frustration to family members at the time, and they have completely written Boyd off. They don't want to talk to him or hear news about him, and he is not welcome in their homes.

Boyd didn't take this well. He has, in return, written THEM off. It has reached the point that I can't share news about them with him. I have had to take down family photos—which was my choice—but it felt necessary.

The irony is my family felt he had created undue stress for me, but the breach in family harmony has been far more stressful than my husband's career change. Any thoughts on how to bring detente to this situation? It's keeping me up at night.

ACTOR'S WIFE IN ATLANTA

DEAR WIFE: Have you told your family that by shunning your husband they have caused you more stress than his decision—however one-sided it may have been—to

become an actor? If you haven't you should, because it is causing discord in your marriage. Your relatives do not have the right to punish your husband for his career choice, and you should not have encouraged or allowed them to alienate him.

You may want to remind them that you and Boyd are a unit, and if they care about more contact with you, they will bury the hatchet. Or perhaps you could convince everyone to agree to family counseling. The ball is now in your court because you are the person who started it rolling.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for a very long time and have a good marriage. However, he has one annoying habit that drives me crazy. We live in a small house, and he has stacks and piles of things lying around collecting dust and creating clutter.

When I ask him to put them away, he says just to leave them where they are so he will remember to look at them "someday." Abby, these are videos, magazines, books or paperwork. It could be anything, really, like some gadget he wants to check out.

A neat and tidy house is important to me. This is nothing new; it has been going on during our entire marriage. What can I say to him to get him to change his ways?

ANTI-CLUTTER IN IOWA

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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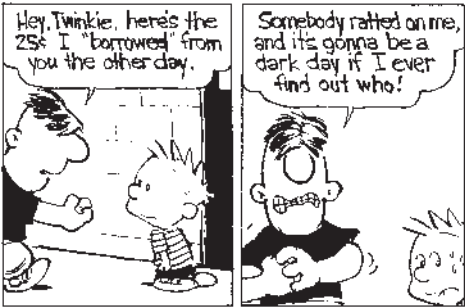
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DEAR ANTI-CLUTTER: Probably not much at this point. But I can offer this insight. The tendency to do what your husband is doing is a sign of OCD, an anxiety disorder. For your husband, letting go of things he "may" want to look at "sometime" can be emotionally upsetting. A doctor might be able to help your husband, but that would necessitate your husband admitting that what he has been doing is causing a problem.

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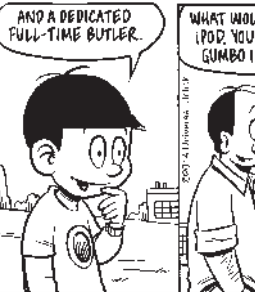
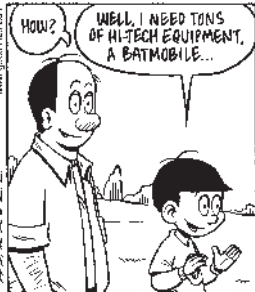
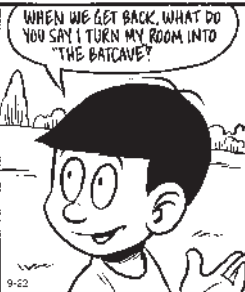
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Yesterday's answer 9-22

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Bonnie Hunt, 55; Scott Baio, 56; Andrea Bocelli, 58; Joan Jett, 58.

Happy Birthday: Keep track and document what's been going on so that you can move forward with clarity and the common sense needed to make wise choices in the future. Carrying emotional baggage is toxic and can spoil any attempts you make to grow spiritually, emotionally and mentally. Be open and receptive to new beginnings. Your numbers are 8, 11, 16, 29, 34, 37, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Embrace change and jump at a chance to travel, learn something new or spend more time with someone you love. Life is about experience and doing the things that make you happy. Don't miss out—follow your dreams. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Hard work will bring about good fortune. Set goals and don't look back. The achievements you can make through networking, interviews and business meetings will get you moving in a profitable direction. Get what you want in writing. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put greater emphasis on how you do things and present yourself. Take a close look at what you have to offer to others. Don't complain or criticize when positive suggestions will help you move forward without tension. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone you work with will withhold information or limit what you can do. Use your imagination and you will find a way to outmaneuver anyone who tries to make you look bad. Speak with authority and only divulge what's necessary. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get involved in a fundraiser that will help you make new acquaintances. Don't donate cash to others, but offer to pitch in and help instead. Your physical presence will make the biggest difference and bring the highest rewards. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An emotional mistake will set you back. You have to choose your direction based on your needs, not what someone else wants. Don't argue, just do what you know in your heart is best for you. A partnership will require time and space. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Knowledge will be the stimulant you need to spark your imagination and take you on a visual trip to future prospects. Express your desires and put a plan together to bring about positive changes to the way you look and feel. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put your time, effort and money into something that benefits you. Don't try to buy someone else's love. Use your experience to help you bring about positive changes at home that will add to your comfort and convenience. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Do what you can to make the changes that will make you feel good and look your best. Trying to change others will backfire and lead to arguments. Focus on progress and expanding your awareness and your standard of living. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotions and moneymaking won't mix well. You have to separate your feelings when it comes to contracts, negotiations and legal matters. Focus on what you know works, not what others tell you. Charity begins at home. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Set your goals and don't stop until you are satisfied with what you accomplish. Be careful not to take on too much. If someone asks you for help, offer suggestions instead of time or money. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A change in your standard of living is apparent. A financial gain, gift or offer is heading in your direction. Helping someone in need will be rewarded handsomely. A joint venture looks promising and profitable. *****

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SUDOKU
Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

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Belichick tight-lipped as Garoppolo returns to practice



FOXBOROUGH, Mass.

(AP)—Bill Belichick isn't ready to rule out injured quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo for Thursday night's game against the Texans.

The Patriots coach also isn't interested in sharing any contingency plans he might have.

Garoppolo was a limited participant in practice Tuesday as he continues to recover from the right shoulder injury he sustained late the first half of New England's win over the Dolphins last week. The third-year quarterback sat out Monday's practice.

The Patriots have yet to add another quarterback to the roster, increasing the possibility that rookie Jacoby Brissett could make his first career start against Houston (2-0) if Garoppolo can't go. In that situation, receiver Julian Edelman would be the emergency option.

It didn't stop an onslaught of Garoppolo-related health questions on Tuesday. It drove Belichick to the point of agitation as he was pressed about Garoppolo's status.

"He has been looked at. He has been treated, like every other player," Belichick said.

As inquiries persisted, he made it clear that whatever is going on with Garoppolo, what was best for his health would take precedence.

"I'm a football coach. I'm not a doctor," Belichick said.

But he does have a reputation of being a master of misdirection.

Texans coach Bill O'Brien has seen Belichick in action up close as a former Patriots assistant from 2007 to 2011.

"I think we have to be ready for their roster," O'Brien said. "We have to understand the skill sets on their roster."

He also has memories of Edelman, a former college quarterback, showing off his skills during Patriots practices. O'Brien was there when they initially drafted Edelman.

"He was a shotgun, wildcat quarterback at Kent State—and really good at it," O'Brien said. "I can remember doing some of those



AP
New England Patriots quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo receives attention after an injury during the first half of an NFL football game against the Miami Dolphins, Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016, in Foxborough, Mass.

things with him over the couple of years I was with him in practice there. So I know that he can do that stuff."

There are also wild card players than can come into play as well, with O'Brien noting that receiver Danny Amendola "can also throw the ball."

O'Brien also has lots of respect for Brissett, a big load at 6-foot-4, 235 pounds, who he said looked very comfortable in the extended minutes he got during the preseason. It presents yet another preparation challenge for a Houston defense that has held its opponents under 15 points in each of their two victories over Chicago and Kansas City.

Texans quarterback Brock Osweiler has respect for the position that both New England quarterbacks are navigating while trying to seize opportunities afforded to them because of the unavailability of a sure Hall of Fame quarterback.

Osweiler, after all, just left a situation in Denver in which he found himself sharing time with former Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning. It's a setup that required both patience and discipline.

"I do know what Jimmy's going through right now. I've been in those shoes," Osweiler said. "I was in those shoes for three and half years before I really got my opportunity. I say patience because that's a long time to sit and not play."

The approach always must be the same, he said.

"Every single day you need to earn your spot on the roster," Osweiler said. "Just from the way Jimmy's been playing, I can tell he hasn't wasted a single day. Whether I was the backup or I was playing last year, I wanted to show up and get better every single day...There was a coach that told me 'If you're not getting better, you're getting replaced.'"

Joyner playing on broken toe to keep Rams' defense straight

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif.

(AP)—Lamaricus Joyner has been playing on a broken toe since the second quarter of the Los Angeles Rams' season opener.

Although his teammates and coaches are impressed by his resolve, the defensive back simply is determined to hold up his end of the secondary.

"I knew I had to be accountable to the defense, so I just kept my mouth closed and kept playing," Joyner said Tuesday after practice.

Joyner broke the second toe on his left foot during the Rams' season-opening loss at San Francisco. He said it felt like his foot "fell asleep," and when his toe wouldn't move after his foot woke up, Joyner knew something was wrong.

He just didn't tell coach Jeff Fisher or the training staff until the 28-0 loss ended.

"I just strapped on my cleats and I played, man," Joyner said. "I know it was an important game to us. If you just think about 2014, that draft, how Coach Fisher ... gave up a pick for me, all that kind of stuff just ran in my mind. They've made a lot of sacrifices for me, so I can fight through something like this."

Although an episode of HBO's "Hard Knocks" captured Joyner suggesting he was seriously contemplating quitting football, the defensive back says he is still devoted to the sport and the Rams: He played extensively in Los Angeles' 9-3 win over Seattle last Sunday.

After playing 134 of the Rams' first 148 defensive snaps with only nine good toes, he intends to be in uniform again this weekend at

Tampa Bay.

"It was nothing that was going to keep him from playing," Fisher said. "You can kind of get an appreciation for his commitment to this game and his teammates. Playing through that is not easy."

But Joyner's toughness isn't a surprise to the Rams.

"That's why we drafted him," Fisher said. "We watched him for a couple of years there at Florida State, and he's one of those guys. He shows it every day."

Joyner might be getting some help soon in the Rams' secondary, which is in for a workout from Jameis Winston and the Buccaneers.

Cornerback E.J. Gaines is close to returning for his first NFL game since 2014 after participating in practice Tuesday. After missing last season with a foot injury, he has been

out since last month with a left thigh injury.

Fisher suggested Gaines could even step right into the starting lineup -- and though Gaines has played only 15 NFL games, the Missouri native is eager to add veteran continuity.

"I think we've been on a roller coaster," Gaines said of the secondary. "Made some really good plays and made some bad plays. We've got to be a lot more consistent out there. I hope we can put it all together in this third regular-season game."

A year ago, Gaines was in competition with Trumaine Johnson for the starting cornerback job opposite Janoris Jenkins before getting hurt. While Gaines watched from the sideline, Johnson earned a \$13.95 million contract for this season.

LONDON (AP)—Cities will bid to stage the finals of the Davis and Fed Cups as part of a revamp of the international team tennis competitions.

The International Tennis Federation will launch a bidding process in December, although the governing body is yet to determine whether the same city will host the men's and women's competitions.

Currently one of the finalists, based on the draw, decides the venue. Croatia is now looking for a suitable

Tennis opens up bidding for hosts of Davis, Fed Cup finals

location for its men to host Argentina in the Davis Cup final in November.

"By having a full year or two to plan we can do more for sponsors and fans with a stadium that's an appropriate size," ITF President David Haggerty said the organization's London headquarters.

Working on the ITF project are consultants from the CSM sports marketing company chaired by Sebastian Coe,

president of track and field's governing body, the IAAF.

The ITF will assess whether to select a host city from an emerging market which can potentially offer higher financial returns or one of the traditional tennis heartlands where the crowds could be larger and more boisterous.

"It's a balancing act, mak-

ing sure we get bids from a number of different cities so we can make comparisons,"

Haggerty told The Associated Press. "But it's not all about money. It's about eyeballs and awareness. Our mission really is to develop, grow and promote tennis around the world. So we will take great caution."

Haggerty envisages the

winning bid staging the finals for two to three years. The challenge in potentially using the same venue for both competition finals at the same time is finding somewhere with enough arenas, practice courts and locker rooms.

European soccer's Champions League final and the Super Bowl, the showpiece of the NFL season, are being examined as major events that are held at neutral venues.



Rangers inch closer to AL West title after win vs Angels



ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Nick

Martinez stuck his glove blindly behind his back and stabbed a hard liner out of the air, part of a spectacular double play in a big relief appearance for the Texas Rangers as they got closer to another AL West title.

"I don't know how he caught it," manager Jeff Banister said after the Rangers' 5-4 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday night cut their magic number to two.

"I guess it happened so quick that it happened in slow motion," Martinez said. "I just kind of threw my glove up there, there's no real explanation for it, in hopes of knocking it down."

That play in the fifth by Martinez (2-3) came during his 3 1/3 scoreless innings. He was the first of six Rangers relievers after A.J. Griffin, who was feeling ill, fell behind 3-1 in the second.

Rookie Nomar Mazara hit his 20th homer, a go-ahead, two-run shot for the Rangers (90-62) in another testy game with multiple ejections.

Mazara's 438-foot drive off rookie right-hander Daniel Wright (0-4) in the fourth made it 4-3. Mitch Moreland added an RBI single an inning later after two batters were hit by pitches.

Houston won 2-1 in 10 innings at Oakland later Tuesday to keep the Rangers' magic number at two to win their second consecutive AL West title, and seventh overall.

The Astros are 9 1/2 games back and the Mariners 10 1/2 back in the AL West. Houston and Seattle both have day games Wednesday before the Rangers' series finale against the last-place Angels that night.

Angels left-hander Brett Oberholtzer and manager Mike Scioscia were ejected when Elvis Andrus was hit by a pitch in the eighth, an inning after both benches had been warned when Rangers reliever Keona Kela threw a pitch that went behind the head of Andrelton Simmons.

Andrus was the third Texas batter hit by a pitch after Mike Trout was hit by a pitch in the Angels second.

There was also a short delay in the Rangers seventh when third-base coach Spike Owen walked toward the Angels dugout and had words with a clearly agitated Scioscia.

"I was upset," Scioscia said. "He was the closest guy in an opposing uniform."

Banister didn't give any insight about what happened



with Owen.

"I think that my third-base coach got asked out to lunch," Banister said. "They were trying to make plans, they interrupted the game, so I went over there and made sure we kept the game going."

Red Sox 5, Orioles 2

In Baltimore, David Ortiz broke open a tight game with a three-run homer in the seventh inning, and the Boston Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles for their sixth straight victory.

Jackie Bradley Jr. also homered for the Red Sox, who stretched their lead over Baltimore in the AL East to five games. After sweeping

four games from the Yankees, Boston has won the first two of this pivotal four-game series.

Trey Mancini homered in his major league debut with the Orioles, who began the day tied with Toronto for the two AL wild cards. Kevin Gausman (8-11) allowed five runs and 10 hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Yankees 5, Rays 3

In St. Petersburg, Rookie slugger Gary Sanchez hit his 17th homer in 42 games this season, a three-run shot in a four-run seventh inning for the Yankees.

The banged-up Yankees began play 4 1/2 games behind Baltimore and Toronto

for the two AL wild cards.

Tigers 8, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Matt Boyd breezed through eight innings, backed by home runs from James McCann and Miguel Cabrera, and Detroit stepped forward in the AL wild-card race.

With Baltimore's loss to Boston, the Tigers cut the deficit between them and the second spot to 1+ games with 12 to go.

Cardinals 10, Rockies 5

In Denver, Adam Wainwright was shaky on the mound and shined at the plate with a career-high four RBI, helping St. Louis move into a tie for the

top NL wild card.

The free-swinging Wainwright lined a two-run double in the second inning and brought in two more with a bloop single in the fifth. Matt Adams and Jedd Gyorko homered to help the Cardinals pull even with the New York Mets, who lost at home to last-place Atlanta for the second straight night.

Indians 2, Royals 1

In Cleveland, Pinch-hitter Brandon Guyer hit a game-ending RBI single, helping Cleveland inch closer to the AL Central title.

Guyer's two-out hit off Joakim Soria landed just fair in the right-field corner and

Texas Rangers second baseman Rougned Odor watches as Los Angeles Angels' Yunel Escobar signals safe on his double in the first inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016, in Arlington, Texas.

scored Coco Crisp. Guyer was the third pinch hitter of the inning used by manager Terry Francona.

Marlins 1, Nationals 0

In Miami, Giancarlo Stanton homered to back a strong outing by Jose Fernandez, who pitched eight innings and struck out 12 for the Marlins.

Fernandez (16-8) allowed three hits without a walk to outduel Washington's Tanner Roark (15-9) who pitched seven innings and allowed one run.

Braves 5, Mets 4

In New York, Mets nemesis Julio Teheran pitched seven more sparkling innings and the last-place Braves blunted New York's bid to extend its NL wild-card lead.

The Mets nicked the Braves' bullpen for three runs in the eighth but couldn't complete the comeback. The Braves have the worst record in the NL, yet have won four straight.

Cubs 6, Reds 1

In Chicago, Jon Lester overcame an injury scare to throw seven strong innings, and the Cubs moved closer to securing the NL's best record.

Lester (18-4) extended his scoreless streak to 21 innings before Jose Peraza's RBI triple in the fifth. He stayed in after Joey Votto's comebacker in the sixth left him with a welt on the wrist of his glove hand.

Pirates 6, Brewers 3

In Milwaukee, Andrew McCutchen, Jody Mercer and Josh Bell each drove in two runs, and Pittsburgh kept its faint playoff hopes alive.

The Pirates have won fifth of six to improve to .500 (75-75) for the first time since they were 69-69 on Sept. 8.

Jared Hughes (1-1) pitched an inning for the win and Tony Watson worked the ninth for his 14th save.

Phillies 7, White Sox 6

In Philadelphia, Odubel Herrera homered and drove in three runs, leading Philadelphia to the win.

Tommy Joseph and Roman Quinn added two hits apiece and combined to drive in three runs for the Phillies. Herrera, who hits between Joseph and Quinn in the lineup, is 15 for 28 in his last seven games.

Tebow homers in batting practice at Day 2 of Mets camp

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP)—Tim Tebow says he's just trying to get better each day in the New York Mets' instructional league.

After two days, so far, so good.

Tebow homered to right during batting practice on Tuesday, one day after the quarterback-turned-baseball-hopeful put three balls off the fence at the Mets' training complex. A Mets' staff member went behind the fence a few minutes later and returned with a baseball, though it wasn't clear if it was the actual one Tebow hit.

"Felt a little more comfortable with a day under my belt, just getting more used to everything, the prepara-

tions," said Tebow, the 2007 Heisman Trophy winner from Florida and former NFL quarterback. "All those silly things that you have to go through, right? Getting in the building, finding everything that you need, cafeteria, everything, and just getting used to the routine."

The composition of the workout from Day 1 to Day 2 was similar. The atmosphere wasn't - the media contingent was considerably smaller than it was on Monday, and maybe about one-quarter as many fans showed up as the day before.

Then again, plenty of people welcomed Tebow to Port St. Lucie when he made a Target run on Monday night. He said he needed

supplies, specifically drinks and almonds.

"Whether it's five people or 500 people, you can't let that bother you, the size of the crowd or what people are saying or the hype or no hype," Tebow said. "I just try not to get involved at all and just try not to pay attention at all and focus on being a baseball player."

He's also finding time to stay on top of his other job as an analyst with the SEC Network, with time management not an issue. Tebow will work out at least twice more in Port St. Lucie this week, then head to the Auburn-LSU game this weekend before returning to the Mets' complex.

When instructional league

games start, Tebow expects to play - though there's no firm plan yet for what will happen after these three weeks, such as whether he'll go to the Arizona Fall League. For now, he said he's trying to take advantage of every opportunity to meet with coaches, talking situational play in the outfield and the Mets' preferred approach to hitting.

The goal of Tuesday's batting practice session, Tebow said, was to find outfield gaps. He just managed to hit one a little farther, saying he felt more comfortable with additional preparation and warmup time.

"Not necessarily the goal," Tebow said of the homer. "But if you do it, that's good, too."

Expectations low, but Nets no longer worry about winning now



NEW YORK (AP)—Jeremy Lin will be urged to become a better leader. Brook Lopez will be challenged to rebound and defend better.

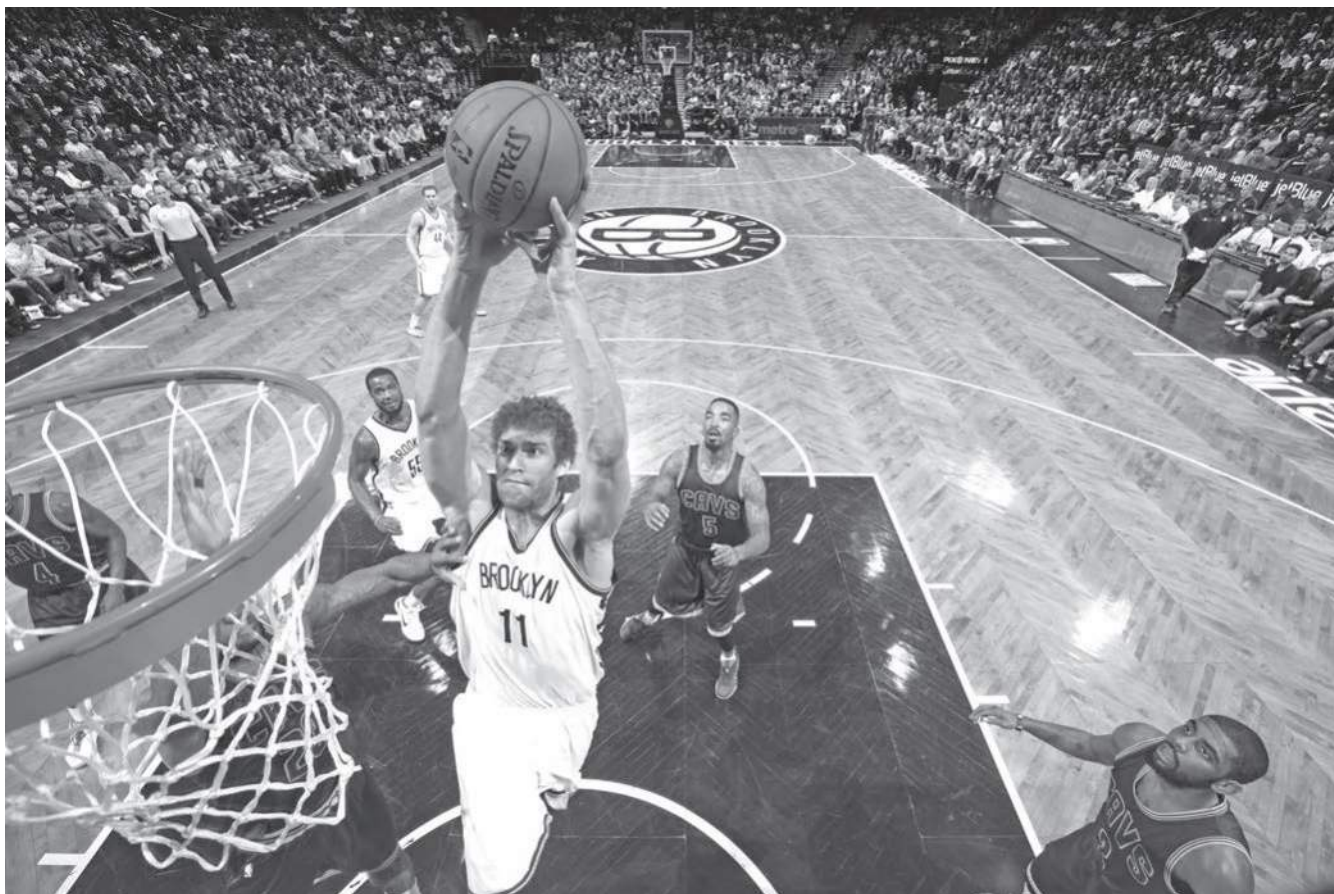
Kenny Atkinson believes in being direct and honest with his players, but there's one thing the new Brooklyn Nets coach won't discuss with them.

After all, the players already know some people don't think very much of them.

"I think those guys are aware of it, so as a coach I don't think I need to be putting stuff up in the locker room and motivating them that way," Atkinson said Tuesday.

Expectations are low for the Nets, who open training camp next Tuesday. While they could be better than last season's 21-61 record, they also could be the worst team in the Eastern Conference, now that the Philadelphia 76ers will be interested in trying to win.

Odds makers, media members and even some of their own fans don't expect much from the Nets, and some



In this undated photo, the Nets' Brook Lopez dunks during a fastbreak play in their game against the Cleveland Cavaliers.

players already have made clear they won't be as bad as critics say.

"I don't think we look at it as bulletin board material," general manager Sean Marks

said. "I mean, you've read probably a couple of pieces that some of our guys have said that they don't agree with those odds and that's great. That's exactly what we want ...

that's the competitor in them."

Marks, a former assistant general manager with San Antonio, begins his first full season after he was hired last February. He hired Atkinson

from Atlanta, where he helped the Hawks reach the second round of the playoffs as an as-

GMI

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Mark Ferrer drilled more than one field goal for the team in the first period. Ferrer scored 6 points, while Jun Rueda made a triple, and Patrick Salalila recorded a deuce.

MGNEL picked up its scoring in the last three periods, but it was not enough to bring the squad back in the game, as other GMI Market players stepped

sistant to Mike Budenholzer.

They made a number of additions over the summer, but not the splashy types the Nets favored during their first few years in Brooklyn, when they were trying to win new fans while also winning games. That led to trades for players such as Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Joe Johnson, and they reached the postseason in their first three seasons after moving from New Jersey.

But the mindset has changed now, with the bold predictions of Russian owner Mikhail Prokhorov giving way to tempered talk from Marks, a New Zealand native. Prokhorov wanted to win fast—time expired on his goal of winning a championship within five years of buying the team—but now is backing a plan to build slowly.

up to keep the driver's seat.

GMI Market 68 — Alipio 15, P. Factor 12, A. Factor 12, M. Sison 10, Manzano 5, G. Sison 4, Romo 4, Aquino 4, Tolosa 2.

MGNEL Construction 61 — Ferrer 22, Laguindam 11, Asuhan 7, Rueda 6, Paragados 5, Teregeyo 4, Salalila 2, Aguon 2, Tabora 2.

Scoring by quarters: 27-11, 41-29, 56-47, 68-61.

Spotlight on concussion after head injury in Premier League

LONDON (AP)—Lying flat on the Vicarage Road pitch, it seemed Anthony Martial's game could be prematurely over.

The Manchester United forward had clashed with Watford defender Daryl Janmaat's head as they both soared to reach the descending ball. While Janmaat made the connection for the header, Martial felt the full force of the impact with his Premier League opponent.

But after receiving attention from United's doctor, Martial was able to continue playing in Sunday's game - for a short time, at least. Seven minutes later, Martial was off the field for good.

Although it was a crunching tackle that brought Martial

down again in the 34th minute, the Frenchman was still clearly disorientated from the earlier collision. After United's medical team carried out further checks on the player's vision, Martial left the pitch clutching his forehead with his left hand.

It immediately raised questions about why Martial had remained in the game, if a concussion was suspected. The English Football Association's guidelines, introduced in November, are clear: "There must be no return to play on the day of any suspected concussion."

United manager Jose Mourinho was vague after the 3-1 loss at Watford, say-

ing he did not know if Martial was concussed. Martial's only comments on the incident came through his social media accounts on Tuesday, writing alongside a thumbs-up emoticon: "Feel much better today."

The continued uncertainty about Martial's condition has prompted scrutiny of United's adherence to concussion protocols. Headway, a British brain injury association, called for an independent review into how concussion guidelines are implemented.

"Too often over the course of the past few seasons we have seen players return to games following a head injury, only to be substituted a short time later showing

more obvious signs of concussion," Headway said in a statement, warning about the dangers of a player receiving a secondary blow.

But Ian Beasley, who helped to create the FA guidelines, cautioned against a rush to judgment against clubs or his fellow doctors.

"Things happen on the pitch that are easy to see from the stands and on camera but are not easy to see on the touchline," Beasley told The Associated Press.

"It's like someone sprains their ankle. You see how it goes and within two minutes they put their hand up and say they can't carry on. You haven't done any more damage it but at least you know what the situation is."



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creased its advantage to two, 22-20, after a GCA error before Joshua Pajarillaga ended the Eagles' silence and kept his team in the game.

SCS went on to continue its uphill climb, moving within a point from sending the match into a deciding third set, 24-22, but it failed to close out the second set after a wide return.

The Tsunamis' error coupled with an ace from Jazz Saures allowed the Eagles to tie the match, 24-all, but GCA also could not wrap up the game early as SCS scored

in the ensuing play. The trend continued and the second set was even for the last time at 29-all, after the three touches from SCS.

Sebastian Camacho broke the tie with an ace as his service landed near the right side of the backline with the ball passing in between two SCS players. Camacho went on to end the match in his next serve with the ball this time dropping to an unguarded spot—the left side of the backline.

Meanwhile, in other results, GCA 2, Agape Christian School, and Saipan International School 1 won their respective matches.

Agape visited Whispering Palms at the Navy Hill court last Thursday and prevailed, 25-18, 25-20, 15-10. The third set was played even though the Torchbearers had already secure the win after two sets to give the opposing teams more time to play. Agape got its fourth win and was scheduled to play last Tuesday's rained-out match against Mt. Carmel School 2 at the Torchbearers' court in Middle Road yesterday, but results of the game were unavailable at press time.

Over at the SIS court in As Lito, SIS 1 dominated its sister team SIS 2, 25-12, 25-13,

15-9, improving the former's record to 3-1.

At the GCA court in Navy Hill, GCA 2 also swept Marianas Baptist Academy, 25-12, 25-17, 15-11, to gain its third victory in five games.

GCA 2 will still play in its home court today when it takes on SIS 2. SIS 1, on the other hand, will host MCS 1, while SCS will go to the Knights court in Chalan Kanoa to challenge MCS 2. Two more games will be played today with host Agape battling Seventh Day Adventist and Whispering Palms squaring off against the visiting MBA. All matches will start at 3:30pm.

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minute. Four minutes later, it was Podziewski's turn to light up the board and she made it back-to-back after scoring anew in the 20th.

While Shirley's managed to hit three straight goals in a span of 10 minutes, Matansa got only one, courtesy of Guinevere Borja's conversion in the 24th minute. Shirley's then completed its good showing in the first half with another goal—this time from Manacop—who made it to the board in the 29th minute to power her team to a 4-1 advantage.

After a so-so performance in the first half, Matansa was able to find its rhythm in the second half, logging three more goals, but Shirley's countered with two to keep its safe distance and foil the former's comeback bid.

Angelica Sally handed Matansa its second goal, while Borja got her second and the team's third, while Lysa Sally scored last for their squad. As for Shirley's side, Costales and Phan added one apiece in

the final 35 minutes of play.

In the first game in the division, Kanoa FC had a strong season debut after shutting down TanHoldings, 7-0.

Toremy Diaz towed Kanoa to the lopsided victory after recording four goals, while Paulyn Joyce, Hannah Santos, and Brittany Wally chipped in one apiece. Kanoa, with its victory, is in second place in the team standings, while TanHoldings is at the bottom after dropping to a 0-0-2 slate. Idle MP United (0-0-1) completes the field.

Diaz sparked Kanoa's blowout win with a goal in the eighth minute and she ended what she started, knocking in the team's last two goals (41st minute and 64th.) Her second goal came in the 23rd. Joyce scored in the ninth minute, while Santos and Wally hit their targets in the 36th and 38th, respectively.

Meanwhile, Kanoa will vie for its second straight triumph when it faces Matansa in the second game this Saturday at 3pm. In the curtain-raiser at 1:30pm, MP United will return to the pitch to duel TanHoldings FC.

2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League Co-ed U12 Division

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An MP United FC 2 player is up against two Paire FC defenders during their game in the co-ed U12 competitive division of the 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.



Paire FC's Dylan Mister smiles as his team is a few seconds away from victory.



A Paire FC player, left, dribbles in front of an MP United FC 2 defender.



Kanoa FC's Merrick Toves, left, scans the pitch before kicking the ball, while a TanHoldings FC defender keeps an eye on the former.



TanHoldings FC goalie Oliver Fajardo, right, steps in to prevent Kanoa FC's Merrick Toves, center, from scoring.



A TanHoldings FC player dribbles away from a Kanoa FC defender.



A Paire FC female player kicks the ball, while an MP United FC 2 defender tries to sneak in.



TanHoldings FC's Kohtaro Goto chases the ball, while Kanoa FC goalie Jaydee Jose steps in to pick up the leather.



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GCA 1 withstands SCS' rally

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Grace Christian Academy 1 kept its undefeated record in the middle school division of the 2016-2017 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League.



The Eagles bagged their fourth victory in as many games after sweeping Saipan Community School last Tuesday at the latter's turf in Susupe to improve their mark to 4-0. GCA 1 easily won the first set, 25-11, but had a tougher time in the second before pulling off a 31-29 win against the persistent SCS crew.

The Tsunamis were down at 20-14, but mounted a comeback and even stole the lead, 21-20, as Chris Kim led a 7-0 scoring surge. SCS then in-

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Grace Christian Academy 1's Sebastian Camacho serves for the game point during their match against Saipan Community School in the COPSSA middle school volleyball league last Tuesday at the SCS court in Susupe.

Shirley's FC, Matansa top foes

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Defending champion Shirley's Football Club passed an early test in the girls U15 division of the 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League after out-

classing Matansa FC, 6-4, last Saturday at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field.



Shirley's and Matansa are the favored teams this season and both came from victories in their opening games.



They collided in the last game in Week 2 and Shirley's win and 2-0-0 card put the squad on top of the standings in the five-team field. Matansa fell to third place with its 1-0-1 win-draw-loss record.

Katrina Costales, Lillian Podziewski, Diana Manacop, and Jasmin Phan collaborated in lifting Shirley's to its second victory in as many games. Costales broke the ice for Shirley's as she found the back of the net in the 10th

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A Kanoa FC player, third left, tries to break free from Tan-Holdings FC defenders during their girls U15 division game in the NMIFA youth fall league last Saturday at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field.

GMI Market recovers, beats MGNEL

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GMI Market barged into the win column in the open division of the Mariana Islands Basketball Federation's Inaugural Men's Outdoor League after downing MGNEL Construction, 68-61, last Monday night at the San Antonio court.

GMI Market, which lost its opener to the Ol'Aces, 65-79, quickly regrouped and handed MGNEL its second defeat in as many games. MGNEL had a sorry double-overtime loss to Saipan Apparel, 88-91, during the league's opening day last Sept. 10.

After not playing for more than a week, MGNEL showed a lot of rust, while GMI Market played a better offense, thanks to its young guns—

June Alipio and siblings Angelo and Prince Factor.

The lefty Alipio, who plays for Saipan Southern High School, and the Factor brothers all scored in double figures with the former leading GMI Market with his 15 points. Angelo and Prince had 12 markers each, while Mario Sison was the fourth GMI Market player to break into twin digits with his 10 points.

Alipio dropped 13 of his total production in the first quarter as he outgunned the entire MGNEL crew and gave GMI Market a 27-11 advantage. Angelo contributed 10 as he and Alipio alternately hit baskets for GMI Market.

MGNEL faced an early double-digit deficit as only

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GMI Market's June Alipio, third left, steals the ball from the Ol'Aces' Andrew Palino, second left, during the opening game in the MIBF outdoor caging at the San Antonio court. Alipio scored 15 points in GMI Market's 68-61 win over MGNEL Construction.